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FRIDAY

Dear Marga,

Some while back the WALL STREET JOURNAL published an article on fire engines. It stated that there was no reason for them to be painted red. The following is from a witty letter to the JOURNAL in reply to this statement. The circularity of it is so much like the reasoning which comes out of Washington, these days, that politicians should take note.

dove,

WHY FIRE ENGINES ARE PAINTED RED.

Fire engines have four wheels and eight men -Four and eight are twelve -There are twelve inches in a ruler -Queen Elizabeth is a ruler -The Queen Elizabeth is a ship that sails on the ocean -In the ocean there are fish -On the fish there are fins -The Finns are neighbors of the Russians -The Russians are called Reds -

Fire engins are always rushin' and therefore that is why fire engines are red!

Love,

5/25/72

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#### WALTER BAREISS 60 E. 42ND STREET

NEW YORK 17. N. Y.

October 8. October 8, 1968

Prince Franz von Bayern Schloss Nymphenburg Munich, Bavaria, Germany

Dear Prince Franz: "Y all a short letter of introduction to Prince

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This is to introduce (Miss) Chryssa who is about to come to Germany to supervise the dismantling of her magnificent sculpture at the Documenta. be the best parsen to speak to about a pre-arrangement with the Bavarian State Museum in Munich.

Perhaps we, from the Gallery Association, can be of some help to her in this respect. Iters is also a m

#### Best regards.

it frince Franz should not be sentiable, perturns Dr. Woltars could be of some belp. Enfortun Yours, I do not have their celephone summers have bet both of them are in the district telephone book. If you peed please do not hesitate to calling animatary, Miss Paula Voelker, who Walter Bareiss de 07162-1045: c/e Schachenmayr, Hann & Cie, 7335 Ballach, Waerttenbarg, Germany,

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cc: Dr. Christian Wolters Doerner Institute Meiserstrasse 10 8 Munich 2, Germany

cc: (Miss) Chryssa

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60 E. 42ND STREET NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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October 8, 1968

Miss Chryssa 37 East 83rd Street New York, New York

Dear Miss Chryssa:

I am enclosing a copy of a short letter of introduction to Prince Franz of Bavaria. He speaks fluent English as does Dr. Wolters, to whom I also sent a copy of this letter of introduction. Prince Franz is Vice Chairman of our Munich Gallery Association and, as

such, would be the best person to speak to about a possible arrangement with the Bavarian State Museum in Munich. I, unfortunately, cannot do very much from over here, even though I am Chairman of this Association. Dr. Wolters is also a member of the Board of our Munich Association.

If Prince Franz should not be available, perhaps Dr. Wolters could be wallies of some help. Unfortunately, I do not have their telephone numbers here but both of them are in the Munich telephone book. If you need any assistance in trying to contact either or both of these gentlemen, please do not hesitate to call my secretary, Miss Paula Voelker, who also speaks English. She can be reached at 07162-7045: c/o x 10-61

Schachenmayr, Mann & Cie, 7335 Salach, Wuerttemberg, Germany.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Walter Bareiss

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cc: Prince Franz von Bayern Dr. Christian Wolters Miss Paula Voelker

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MARTHA JACKSON GALLERY

32 EAST 69TH STREET

NEW YORK NEW YORK

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF THE MUSEUM FOR YOUR LOSS - THE NEW YORK ART WORLD HAS ALSO LOST A LIVELY FIGURE.

WALTER BAREISS ACTING DIRECTOR MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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#### THE NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, JULY 5, 1969 ORIE R. KELLY, 79, Martha Jackson Dies on Coast; A BANK PRESIDENT Gallery Aided Abstract Artists

### Ex-Head of County Trust

Ex-Head of County Trust and Lawyers Trust Dies Social to The New York Times LOS ANGELES, July 4—Mrs. brings out a dealer's venal Martha Jackson, a leading New iside, she always had the wel-York art dealer and gallery fare of the artists at heart and owner, was found dead this aternoon in the swimming pool at her home in the Brentwood Section. She was 62 years old. The police said that the cause of death had apparently been of the County Trust Company, of New York in 1930 and was president of the Lawyers Trust Company, with which it was merged, until 1950. When Law yers Trust was merged with the Bankers Trust Company, be is survived by a son, bayid Anderson of Ardsley-on

# Special to The New York Times

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The Museum of Modern Art

To	Alfred H. Barr, Jr.
From	Bates Lowry
Date	March 5, 1969

Guernica

Re

CC: Lowry file MHB's Picasso:Guernica (copy sent Dorothy Miller, 20 May 1969)

Dear Alfred,

I didn't realize you expected an answer to your aide-memoire of January 31 about <u>Guernica</u>. As I mentioned to you on the street, I was very grateful for the information it provided, since no one else seems to have known of it, or at least no one had come forward with it. You will be glad to know that we have decided that it would be unwise to move <u>Guernica</u> off the third floor and will plan the rehanging with that as a given factor. Again, thank you for your wise advice.

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### The Museum of Modern Art

Batas Lowry

Alfred Barr

Date

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From

To

25 February 1969

Guernica

I haven't yet had an answer to my memorandum of January 31st about your proposal to move the <u>Guernica</u>. I would appreciate an answer.

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To

Mr. Lowry

Mr. Barr

#### Date

Re

January 31, 1969

Guernica

Dear Bates: Most sent the best possible ends of the Oscales

I have heard that you plan to move the <u>Guernica</u> from the 3rd floor. May I fill in some of the background facts which have led to our good fortune in having the painting here off and on for twenty years followed by the last ten years in which it has been continuously in our possession.

In 1939 Picasso lent <u>Guernica</u> to the Museum of Modern Art for the exhibition <u>Picasso:</u> Forty Years of His Art. He also lent about 60 drawings and paintings related to <u>Guernica</u> and 35 other paintings. At his request the Museum took charge of these works during the war and afterwards for a time.

In 1958, following the Museum's second big show, <u>Picasso: 75th</u> <u>Anniversary</u>, Picasso asked to have all his paintings returned except the <u>Guernica</u> and the related works. These he agreed to lend to the Museum indefinitely.

During the previous two decades, 1937 to 1957, Picasso had too generously lent the <u>Guernica</u> about twenty times all over Europe and the U.S.A. The painting had been rolled, packed, shipped, unrolled, stretched, hung, and then unstretched and rolled, not counting the times when our Museum re-installed it after its return from elsewhere.

Because of its vulnerable size and seriously worn condition, Picasso agreed that the <u>Guernica</u> should not be lent or sent elsewhere for temporary exhibition.

Since 1958 the Museum has moved the <u>Guernica</u> only once, from the 2nd floor (at that time the only gallery space for the painting collection), to a third floor gallery where it has remained since the opening of the "New Museum" in May 1964.

With Picasso's approval we have refused to send the <u>Guernica</u> to a number of comprehensive exhibitions including London 1960 and Paris 1967. (I might add that both the directors, Roland Penrose and Jean Leymarie, were sympathetic even though they missed the great mural badly.)

I believe that we may keep the <u>Guernica</u> as long as Picasso lives and perhaps afterwards for a time.

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Guernica

Mr. Barr

I think we must take the best possible care of the <u>Guernica</u> and exhibit it as well as we can. We are responsible.

I hope we may keep it in its present installation but, if this is really necessary, I think it could be moved elsewhere on the 3rd floor without having to unstretch and roll the canvas to move it to another floor.

The 2nd and ground floors are I believe a little less than 12 feet high. <u>Quernica</u> is 11°5 1/2" high. The 5 inches or so available are too little and lead to difficult and hazardous installation, awkward lighting and cramped effect.

Jean Volkmer can explain the difficulties and risks of moving the Guernica. She believes it should not be rolled.

By way of a postscript to you, Bates: I have tried to avoid complicating your very difficult job as Director, but in this particular problem I feel involved. Picasso thinks in terms of people, not institutions. Sometimes he listens. I told him that after 20 years of reckless locomotion the <u>Guernica</u> was falling apart and that he ought to stop lending it and leave it in peace in our museum where it would be well-shown and as well cared for as possible. I was a little surprised when he agreed.

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To Bates Loury

From Jean Volkmer

Date July 17, 1968

Re Loan of Picasso: "Guernica"

This painting is so huge that it can never be transported without removing the painting from its stretcher and rolling it. This has been done many times since the museum has had the painting on extended loan. The picture is rather thinly painted with very little impasto, and it is on a fairly good quality canvas. However, the edges of the picture, where the tacks to hold it on the stretcher have been inserted and removed innumerable times, have torn badly, and they have been reinforced with strips of canvas adhered with a wax resin adhesive. Now this strip lining is also quite weak from the many tack holes.

Dried paint, however thin, is still a very brittle substance. When it is bent off the natural flat picture plane it tends to crack, and small chips of paint may flake away. After a world tour, the "Guernica" returned to us in 1957 in very poor condition, with much lifting and flaking of paint along the top, bottom, and sides, where the strain from restretching would concentrate. There were deep folds in the picture because it had not been rolled flat, but slack in the canvas had created creases which left their mark on the picture. These conditions were partially rectified in 1957 by infusing the painting from the back with a wax resin adhesive which penetrated through and readhered the flaking paint. The folds are still visible, and could only be corrected by a lining treatment which would then make further rolling of the picture inadvisable because of the danger of separation between lining and original canvas. Lining would best be done when the painting is assigned to a permanent home by the owner.

Meantime, the painting appears quite stable in condition as it hangs in its air-conditioned gallery. To move it again would once more invite the possibility of more paint flaking, further creases in the canvas, and the unfortunate danger of damage while in transity. Each time this picture is removed from its stretcher, rolled, packed, shipped - with all the vibration of travel umrolled, restretched, etc., its condition worsens. All this handling is a great deal to expect from a piece of linen and a thin paint film. I would strongly advise that the picture be left dormant in its present situation so that no further deterioration in its structure and appearance is motivated by another move.

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To Bates Loury

From Jean Volkmer

Date July 17, 1958

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Re Optimum conditions for the "Guernica" loan, shall it be necusiony

Time should be alloted for certain preliminaries here, and this will mean screening off the "Guernica" gallery. We will have to have the painting laid flat on the cleaned gallery floor (with paper protection, etc.) so that the strip lining can be repaired after the stretcher is removed. This may take a day - it depends upon the condition of the strips. The stretcher has to be taken apart, and carefully marked for back and front, also the various members marked in such a way that the Mexicans can put it together easily and properly. The stretcher should be packed in a strong insulated box - separate from the painting. The present roller is in poor condition, and if possible I would like to see the diameter of the roller increased so at least 4 feet - so that less strain is put on the paint film in rolling. Pictures are always rolled face out so that the paint film is not crushed In itself. The roller should be longer than the height of the painting at least 6" at each end - more if the box dimensions don't get too big to get in and out of our gallery and the carrier. A strong well insulated box should be made for the painting. Time of year would influence just how much insulation is needed. I assume the painting would be flown down. If it is to go by ship, then insulation is terribly important.

Our personnel would handle the removal of the painting from its stretcher, and also work with the custodians on the rolling of the picture. This is such a huge baby that it takes a number of men to just lower the painting to the floor. We might find it easier to do some of the work on overtime after the museum has closed. Manpower should be available for each move.

Andrew Olah made the stretcher, so that he is the one to take it apart and mark it so that it can be reassembled correctly. It is a job for all of his department, I would guess, for the horizontals are so big.

Danny Clark and I can confer about the making of the roller and the box for the picture. I have some ideas about lighter weight materials to use on the roller after the wood base is built. Ends have to be attached to the roller, and these have to be marked so that they can be dismantled and reassembled with ease. The box for the stretcher has to have a place for the hardware needed to put it together properly.

The Nexicans should be worned that the painting itself is slightly off-square This is visible in our gallery now. We made the new stretcher in 1962 - and it is true, naturally - otherwise the picture would not remain flat - but we

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did not install it as we used to on the second floor, where it was just about floor to ceiling, and a moulding was scribed along the bottom to hide the discrepancy. It sits on a pedistal on 3 - but perhaps when it is returned we can put a fake front on the pedestal, scribed to the off corner of the painting. We can give the Mexicans the exact measurements to elert them for this.

The loan installation should include proper support for the picture - with a wall or strong screen behind it so that the back of the picture is protected. I don't recall just how we fasten it to the wall - but I believe there are special strong brackets, and the same provision should be made for the loan.\* It is a very heavy painting and must be held and carried with equal support, for it tends to torque when moving. The men wolk it in a sort of diagonal face-up manner.

Because the handling is rather tricky, and also because it is vital that the stretcher be put together properly, etc. I would like to see one of our skilled men - preferably a Spanish-speaking one - go down to supervise the task of unpacking, unrolling, assembling the stretcher, and installing the stretched picture. Donald Dean would be qualified, I should think. Danny would be excellent - but I don't think he speaks Spanish.

The supervision of the unrolling, stretching, tacking, and keying out of the painting would best be done by a conservator. There is a young man who does heavy work for us who could handle this with the knowledge and care required. Also, if any damage had happened while in transit he could handle first aid. I feel strongly that the personnel doing the work have to be top notch, with proper supervisors. That is why I recommend that our people be there both for installation and the dismantling. The expense of their trips would be well worth the safety factor. For the dismantling, each would again see that what he had put together was taken apart and all went well in the opposite direction. This is the least and the most we could do for "Guernica".

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### The Museum of Modern Art

11 West 53 Street, New York, N.Y. 10019 Tel. 245-3200 Cable: Modernart

Stuf to Stockhartige

#### Dear Alfred:

I was delighted to hear from Dorothy that you liked the <u>Stella</u> show and that the one you liked best is the one belonging to me. Frank is doing four pictures that are not finished yet, three of which he considers to be of top quality and he has promised to let us see them and have first refusal on them. Should we still prefer my picture I could probably be convinced to promise it to the Collection and put it on extended loan in the meantime. Let's see what turns up.

Robert Elkon has a Larionov of 1913 which falls in character between our. 1911 oil on canvas (Domination of Red) and our 1915 Spiral, though much closer, of course, to the former. I am including a transparency of this picture and would like to know if you think its worth considering for the Collection. The price to the Museum is \$7,500 though I believe some negotiating might be possible. This picture would fill out our holding of Larionov, but I am not sure that there are not things we need more. In any event, this is an artist about whom I don't feel totally confident in my judgement and with whom I know you have had lots of contact. I am sure that the Committee would very much want to know your opinion if it were to come before them and I am just taking the initiative in doing this.

I hope you are feeling well (you looked absolutely first-rate when you were here last) and I am looking forward to our lunching together as soon as you get back to town.

. Best.

William S. Rubin

P.S. Nothing is absolutely definite yet about Heller's Pollock but the situation looks good.

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To William Rubin

cc: Miss Miller Miss Jones

From Alfred Barr

Date December 28, 1967

Re Stella

Dear Bill:

Thanks for yours of 21 Dec. Yes, indeed, I was delighted by the new Stellas. So far, I liked yours the best. Would like very much to go to his studio. I want to pick out one for N.A. R. (confidential). Anyway, I'd like to see the three you mention.

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Mr. Rubin, Miss Miller, Miss Jones

From Alfred H. Barr, Jr.

To

Re

Date December 12, 1967

Mrs. Victor Leventritt

This morning, in response to her phone call on December 6 (she had insisted on speaking only to me) I phoned Mrs. Victor Leventritt. She is just in the process of buying a plaster, or more likely an artificial stone cast, of Picasso's 1906 head of Fernande. Mrs. Leventritt has in mind to give it to the Museum. I said that I thought the Museum would be very pleased indeed to have it, especially since we did not have, and would not have, a cast.

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I then asked who was selling it and what its history was since I had seen in the past only bronzes, and I think one terra cotta. She said that Pierre Matisse was the deler and that he had bought it from Beyeler but that Beyeler would not tell him from whom he had bought it. It was supposed that this cast had been used in casting the second large edition of bronze casts made, I believe, in 1959. I suggested that she ask Pierre to write her a letter stating the information he already had. At the same time I suggestmithat she ask him to try a little harder with regard to the history of this unusual cast.

In the past Mrs. Leventritt has mentioned giving things to the Museum, and indeed we may receive one or more. Her husband Victor is, I think, very much in charge.

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cc: Dorothy Miller Bill Rubin Betsy Jones AHB, Whitney file

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Counselor to the Board of Trustees

September 27, 1967

July 26, 1967

Dear Jock: I appreciate your wary grantons words in the July list.

I still can't quite believe it, but, as you know, I've retired. What troubles me most about it is all that I've left undons.

For a good many years past I've not felt quite bold enough to write you or come to see you about a delicate and now urgent matter. I want to ask you on behalf of the Museum (and my own deep desire) to give your Matisse Window at Collioure (1905) to the Museum's collection.

The Museum already has a great Matisse collection thanks to your <u>Goldfish</u> and other superb pictures. Recently we have been given monumental canvases each ten or twelve feat wide, The Moroccans (1916) from Florene Schoenborn (formerly Marx) and The Dance (1909) from Nelson who bought it for us since I couldn't find the money elsewhere. With these and three other major paintings listed in Florene's will we shall have the foremost Matisse collection in the world, surpassing even the Hermitage and the Barnes Foundation.

But we lack a Matisse of the fauve period. This is serious for although we have good fauve works by Derain and van Dongen we have none by the leader of fauviem. We need one badly.

Your Window at Collicure is one of the best-known fauve Matisses partly because it was published in the famous page in L'Illustration when the fauves got their name at the Salon d'Automne of 1905. Quite aside from that, it's one of the most perfect and beautiful of all fauve paintings. For a happy moment when it came on the market I thought I could buy it for the Museum but (you've guessed it) the redoubtable John Rewald was there before me -- so now, as it turned out, I'm not a buyer but a beggar.

"Ask and it shall be given unto you"(r museum?). I hope Betsy will agree.

Sincerely,

The Honorable John Hay Whitney 110 West 51 Street (Room 4600) New York 10020 AHB:jsw

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### Counselor to the Board of Trustees

#### July 26, 1967

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#### July 26, 1967

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Dear Katharina:

Your questions were so searching and, at the same time, broad that it took me three hours to try to answer them. Consequently the answers are probably too long.

I want to ask you to be cautious in identifying and confusing me with the Museum. You can see a good example of what troubles me if you take a look at the art section in the current issue of Meusweek. I think I began to hear the phrase "Alfred Berr is The Museum of Medern Art" a couple of decades ago. I folt flattered the first time I heard this, but it has become more and more emberrassing ever since --- particularly when I see it in print. It's been used by journalists as well as friends, partly I think because people tend to identify an institution with an individual as a symbel or image -- an over-simplification which I find very embarrassing.

I used to brush aside this confusion by raminding people that there were 140, then 230, and now 400 or more Musaum staff members -- but it hasn't worked.

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Sometimes I think my rôle in the MoMA has been exabgerated largely because I have survived for 39 years!

Anyway, I think you might have asked me: "What did I not plan or forsee in 1929 which developed later?" I would have answered that I had no idea that we would become one of the great publishing houses in our field, or that we would have the most complete library of books on modern art, or that we would have a very important department of national and international circulating exhibitions. I did forsee that potentially we would have a great collection of modern painting -- but so did the founders of the Museum.

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Mrs. Katharine Kuh

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In short, I do ask you, if you are going ahead with this article, to remember that while I was Director of the Museum I had wonderful help from the trustees and the staff and that since 1947, when I took over officially once more the responsibility for the Museum Collections, it was with a brilliant staff in all curatorial departments and, more than that, I had the continual help and encouragement from Eené d'Harmoneourt and the most remarkable Board of Trustees of any museum I know.

So, please, try not to exaggerate the achievements and virtues of your subject.

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### ALFRED H. BARR'S ANSWERS TO KATHERINE KUH'S QUESTIONS FOR ARTICLE IN THE SATURDAY REVIEW

- A. What do you feel are the three or four most important contributions The Museum of Modern Art has made since it was founded nearly forty years ago? May I add a few?
  - Establishment in 1929 of a new museum in New York, a very great city, which had an active art community but lacked a museum devoted enough and strong enough to take responsibility for an area avoided by the Metropolitan Museum, namely the recent past (which, of course, includes the present).
  - 2. The Museum's serious concern for certain highly important arts of our time generally ignored by art museums -- namely the film, photography, architecture and city planning, design in industrial design, consumer goods, typography and graphic arts.
  - Encouragement of universities to accept the modern arts as a proper field for scholarly study and publication.
  - 4. The Museum's coldections.
  - 5. The exhibition program both within the walls of the Museum and, perhaps more important, the distribution of exhibitions throughout the country and abroad on a scale not previously attempted.
  - 6. Seven exhibitions (and publications) from 1953 to 1954 of primitive and pre-Columbian art which in that period rarely appeared in art museums or in the history of art curricula of universities but which were, and are, almost as deeply involved in the taste and esthetics of our century as are abstract art and surrealism.

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7. The most beautiful garden on Manhattan.

B. Are there projects you envisioned for the Massum that still wait to be done?

The projects I "envisioned" in 1929, and many others <u>I did not foresee</u>, such as circulating exhibitions here and abroad, a great library, a publishing house, all these and others thrave or are about to:

- The Massima chronically needs more space for exhibiting its collections in all departments, especially in prints and drawings, photography, architecture and design, and painting of the past decade. In a few years there will be more gallery space.
- 2. The buseum is developing its educational and scholarly facilities, particularly the library and archives; making accessible all the works of art in the collection which cannot be shown in the galleries; planing complete catalogs of the collections with the intention to keep them up to date; cotablishing greater report with schools and universities; studying the problem atical methods of how best to help the public understand art.
- C. Unere should The Massum of Medern Art head from here? Where does its future lie?

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I think the near future of The Museum of Modern Art lies in solving the problems which it faces and in developing the programs which it already has under way, but I accume, indeed I hope, that there will be new problems and programs which none of us have forseen.

D. Does the present existence of numerous modern museums in New York change the role of The Maseum of Modern Art?

I do not think the lively presence of other New York museums concerned with modern art most change the role of The Museum of Modern Art. The four or five other institutions in Manhattan are searcely enough to most the public's demand and the encouragement of artists. The weekend crowle are often too big for the confort of

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The Luseum of Modern Art does compete with other museums in temporary losn shows; it competes much less in showing continuously <u>visible</u> collections of foreign and American painting and sculpture; and scarcely at all does it compete in showing selections from its collections of prints, drawings, photography, architecture and design, and the recurrent programs from the film collection. (Other enterprises such as the very active international program are of course not visible to the New York public.)

E. Because modern art has become fashionable, is there less need to promote it as vigorously as heretofore?

Yes, there is less need to promote modern art than there was three decades ago. But even, then, I did not think of the Museum as <u>promoting</u> twentieth century painting any more than the Matropolitan Museum <u>promoted</u> quatrocento painting.

F. What part of your work at the Museum have you most enjoyed? Seeing dreams come true...

G. What part have you least enjoyed?

Fund raising, interruptions, allocating too sparce gallery space, rejecting unwanted gifts, and worst of all, in recent years, seeing so few exhibitions outside the Museum.

H. What has been your guiding acquisition policy?

- 1. Securing the best works by the best artists.
- 2. Collecting their work in breadth and depth, and in all relevant media.
- 3. Collecting good work by secondary artists.
- 4. Taking chances with the work of young artists.
- 5. Searching for good work throughout the world.
- Other things being equal, selecting paintings with vertical formats rather than horizontal - the vertical takes less wall space.

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I. Where cultifiens an ecquisitions are concerned, should a museum stress what its staff considers best or merely what is going on?

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The staff should try hard to discarn the best of what is going on and act without partisanship.

J. Do you know of any modern collection that from an overall point of view can compare qualitatively and quantitatively with The Museum of Modern Art's?

No.

K. After your many years at the Museum what do you consider the authentic role of the modern articultic?

I'm not sure how to answer "authentic role." Obviously, critics have different functions such as reporting and criticizing and in different degrees. I believe that fundamentally the critic of contemporary art cught to bike "what is going on" more than he dislikes it. If he does not like it, he should retire. Art thrives on entinusiasm.

L. What swe your personal plans for the future? Will you be writing entensively and if so in what specific areas?

Finish scandalously delayed prefaces and appendices for new edition of the catalog, <u>Painting and Sculpture in the Maseum Collections</u>; with James Thrall Soby, initiate a series of short monographs on works in the collection of special interest and importance, the series to be published in honor of Mrs. Simon Guggenheim; write confidential notes on works in the collection of painting and sculpture for the use of future curators in case they should be interested; revise for republication monographs on Picasso and Matisse.

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cc: Dorothy Miller V Bill Rubin

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## July 25, 1967

#### Dear Perry:

I have no immediate suggestion about a curator for the National Sculpture Garden. Doubtless you have al-ready asked Mr. Lerner, Joseph Hirshhorn's curator, for suggestions. Fred Licht of Brown University has just gotten out a book on modern sculpture, Sculpture 19th and 20th Centuries, published by the New York Graphic gotten out a book on modern sculpture, Sculpture 1901 and 20th Centuries, published by the New York Graphic Society, 1967. He might have some suggestions. I would also consult George Rickey who is a sculptor but also an art historian and teacher with a broad interest in sculpture generally.

Your letter does not make clear whether the National Sculpture Garden is to be limited to American sculpture, nord do you make clear as to how modern or encient the nord do you make clear as to how modern or ancient the collection would be. I think we all would be interested in your answers.

My best to you.

Sincerely, Alfred H. Barr, Jr. and light. The builder callers is for any stated of the t is a single to theme.

Mr. Perry B. Cott Chief Curator National Gallery of Art Smithsonian Institution Washington 25, D.C.

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#### Deer Alfred Barr,

I am reminde ! of you lately very forcibly by another visit to Dessau that I m le last week end. This time I went with a German friend, an interior architect, who knew peo is there, so I we able to see more. The Feini gers were very nice to me of course, but poor Lyonel is so weighed down by the wife that nothing was to be got from him, and apparently they lo-'t get sly well with the rest of the colony there, but we had supper with the Kondinsky's and say Klee for an hour, and I bought one of hispictures. I don't think you met those two when you were there. Kandinsky is a little fool who iscompletely diminated by his swell Russian Grande Dame of a wife. He has millionsof his cometimes painful abstractions sitting around the house and thinks he is still the let der of a new movement. It is sometimes pathetic sometimes amusing. They are intown now and we want to the theater together last night. Tomorrow we are going with Mendelschn to see a new house of his. That latter man has made tremenlous strides in the last year. In this final house of his, for his own use, he has entirely lost his foniness of romantic brick work and m gles. The house is plaster and entirely plain, though costing more than a hunired thousand doll rs, which for here is tremenlous. When I told Kendinsky ab ut your writing bout abstract in art, he was tremendously interested, and thinks naturally he will be the hero of the book. Klee I found entroping, the simplicity of a great man, without hide bound theories, or illusions as to his greatness. Breuer the young interior man whom you may have met I saw the other day. He is like Gropius, a Utopian and like him, is more interested in propaganda and education then in anything else, but I like the things he has done, and if he had only invented that now famous chair of pipes, he would be something at his age of 26. But I have nt written you since I met Gropius or see the Russian films. Gropius was naturally most charming, a Utopian who sees things in a big way, ad who has the magnetism to draw people after him, never contented with a thing accoup ished, always fighting for a n w ilea, now it is this business of ten story dwellings to save ground space, and light. The Bauhaus suffers more and more without him, but he tannot be contented merely to run something that is already these, but must ever be strikingout.

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Alfred H. Barr, Jr. Dorothy C. Miller

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From

To

#### December 22, 1966

Conversation with Mrs. Parkinson re Davies ENERGIA and Frankenthaler

#### Dear Alfred:

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I have already written you a memo about the Miro pastel and the Klee watercolor which she has inherited, formerly in Mr. Goodyear's collection. She does not want to keep either of these. She wants to acquire for herself another painting, possibly a small Morris Louis, and wonders if she could trade the Klee for it. I told her the Klee was probably worth a good deal more than a small Louis. She then mentioned liking Helen Frankenthaler's work, and since Louis and Frankenthaler are both handled by Emmerich I suggested that perhaps she could trade the Klee for one of each. I told her you now want to buy a Frankenthaler, whereupon she said she would love to give a Frankenthaler to the Museum if she can work out some such exchange with Emmerich.

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cc: Betsy Jones

### The Museum of Modern Art

To Alfred Barr

Re

From Dorothy Miller

Date December 16, 1966

Eliza Parkinson's Miro and Klee

#### Dear Alfred:

Eliza wants to know whether the Museum has any interest in acquiring either the Klee or the Miró from Mr. Goodyear's collection which she has inherited. (I assume she means as a gift, though unfortunately I failed to ask her.) If they are not of interest for the collection proper, she will sell or trade them for works of art she wants to acquire herself.

She mentioned wishing to return the Guston <u>Clock</u> to the Museum as soon as she can acquire something to replace it in her apartment. She is interested in Barnett Newman, Still, Rothko and Morris Louis. I urged her to look for a Louis --I have spoken to Emmerich and will look at the smaller paintings he has.

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John Hoyland "3-8-65" \$2,000

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### **MODERN ART**

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## THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

cc: D	arothy Miller	Date December 22, 1965
To: From:	Alfred Betsy	Re:

Here are photographs of three works in the current Marlborough-Gerson English Eye show which various people think the Museum should consider acquiring -- i.e. buying.

Moore: Locking Piece. (working model). 1962. Bronze, 42 x 36. Edition: 9 Price: 335,000.

> It is Jim particularly who likes this though he realizes that we have only just bought a major Moore and probably should not buy another. I think he began to think about it when he had to consider the Manzus. He felt this Moore was so much better than any of them.

Merlyn Evans (British, born Cardiff 1910): Composition. 1962-63. 011 on canvas, 56 x 80". Price: \$2,500.

Dorothy liked this picture best of all the Evanses in the show and Bryan Robertson recommends him warmly. He is evidently very highly thought of as a graphic artist in O.B. (There were a couple of his engravings in the Marlbourgh hallway.)

Phillip King: Genghis Kaan. 1963. Plastic and fibreglass, 144" high. Price: \$1,600.

> You will probably recall this piece since it was right at the entrance and is very large. The wall behind it was a big yellow canvas. The piece is blacker than it appears in this photograph. It is Bryan Robertson and Frank O'Hara who think we ought to get this. Jim seems to like it, too. Dorothy and I aren't so enthusiastic and Dorothy has learned that it suffered damages in transit and required quite a bit of work after it arrived. It could not go outdoors.

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Alfred Barr

Dorothy Miller

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Date March 14, 1963

Re: Clyfford Still

To: Alfred Barr

From: Dorothy Miller

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November 14, 1962

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I have finally completed the complicated exchange through which with my small Still and the proceeds of the Matta I have come into possession of a very large (c. 9½ x 18½) and, I think, very beautiful picture by Still. It is not the picture that I originally anticipated having and the photograph of which I showed you last Spring, but another which I preferred. The picture is now hanging in my home and I thought that one day you and Dorothy might like to come up and have a drink upon your way home and see it.

Should you find that it is not the sort of picture you want, I would be glad to substitute as my "promised gift," a large and rare type of early (1952) Kline. You can study both pictures and make your choice after which I will inform my lawyer so that the proper changes can be made in my Will. Except for Wednesdays

when I teach until very late, I am generally free in the late afternoon and with a few days' notice from you or Dorothy, could be sure to be at home.

Dorothy, could be sure to be at home. Hoping to see you in the near future. Sincerely.

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(Prof.) William Rubin

Mr. Alfred Barr Director of the Museum Collections Museum of Modern Art 21 West 53rd Street New York, N. Y.

cc: Miss Dorothy Miller Curator of Museum Collections Same as above WR:bs

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# THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

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To: Alfred Barr

From: Dorothy Miller

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# June 7, 1960

#### Dear Mrs. Acheson:

Dorothy Miller has told me of her conversation with you and I am eager to thank you for your generous understanding of the circumstances which resulted in our discourtesy to you last year. The discourtesy was inadvertant but none the less real to you and we were deeply distressed to learn that you had been upset by it.

We visited you at your apartment on the eve of your departure for Europe and at a time when I was in the threes of preparing an official lecture tour in the U.S.S.R. I believe this was why I did not write you a letter confirming our conversation about your paintings. I find I did write an enthusiastic memorandum to James Thrall Soby, chairman of our Committee on the Museum Collections, and reported your generous intentions toward the Museum at a meeting of the Committee just before I left for the U.S.S.R. The beautiful Jacques Villon painting was described to the Committee and I reported also that I had told you we would be interested in the Prendergast, the Vlaminck flower piece and the Derain painting of a woman with red hair.

It is deplorable that following this meeting neither Mr. Soby nor I wrote assuring you of the appreciation of the Committee for your proposed bequest of these paintings. I should of course have asked Mr. Soby to write during my absence in Europe but in the last minute rush overlooked the matter. I can only say now how exceedingly sorry we are to be so tardy in acknowledging your really magnificent offer of a choice from your collection.

As you know, we have nothing whatever like the Villon in the Museum Collections and it would be of particular value and interest, filling a gap with a really first-rate example by the artist. The Vlaminck, which I believe to date from about 1910 to 1912, is a fine one and would also be extremely useful, as would the Prendergast and the Derain.

I know that you have already left for Europe and we have no address for you there, but I write in the hope my letter will be forwarded to you. Flease be assured (however tardily) of the Museum's enthusiastic acceptance of your very generous proposal.

Next year I hope that the pressure of work will relent a bit so that

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With best wishes for a pleasant summer,

Sincerely,

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

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## MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

cc: Miss Dudley Miss Miller Date 29 April 1959

Mr. James T. Soby To: Alfred Barr

From:

#### Mrs. George Acheson Re:\_ 200 4.66

#### Dear Jim:

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Doar AOn April 20th Dorothy Miller and I visited Mrs. George Acheson in the Manhattan Towers at her invitation to see a Jacques Villon and other pictures which she thought she might bequeath to the Museum. On Merch 18 I sent a memorandum of conversation to you

The Jacques Villon is one of the two or three best paintings by him I have ever seen, a vertical oval perhaps 50" high of a figure of a woman, cubist in style, apparently 1912-14. She thought that her late husband had bought it at the Armory Show, but on inspecting her records found that it had been bought at the Quinn Auction. It was exhibited in a cubist show at Janis several years ago and reproduced. Marcel Duchamp, whom she spoke of as a friend, had suggested that she leave it to the National Gallery, since it was one of his brother's best paintings, but she felt first loyalty to our Museum. She has apparently no dependents.

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# THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

Date April 10,1959

To:	Mr. Barr	Re: Mrs. George Acheson	
From: James White	Nienbo Kan House		
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#### Dear Alfred,

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On March 18 I sent a memorandum of conversation to you and to Bill Lieberman, subject as above. For your reference, a copy is attached.

Last Wednesday, April 8, Mrs. Acheson stopped me in the Museum's lobby. She said that she was leaving New York on May 14 and that she was anxious to settle the disposition of her Villon before that date and that she feels, the more she thinks about it, that she would prefer to offer it to this Museum. I explained that I had told you of her previous conversation on this subject and that recent I would tell you of her/remarks.

Mrs. Acheson said that she would telephone me. Since it is, of course, none of my affair I would appreciate advice from you as to what you would like me to say to her should she telephone me.

cc: Mr. d'Harnoncourt

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March 18,1959

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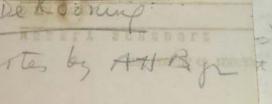
Date January 29, 1962

To: Alfred Barr

From: Betsy Jones

Bill Rubin called you this morning and left the following message after saying that he had tried to speak with you personally about this before without success:

Richard Feigen wants to see the Matta painting first and is considering keeping it himself. However, should be decide not to do so be would get in touch with the Museum. The picture won't arrive for at least a month, so Rubin doesn't think the Museum will have to make any decision until sometime in April.



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Sincerely,

#### Dorothy C. Miller

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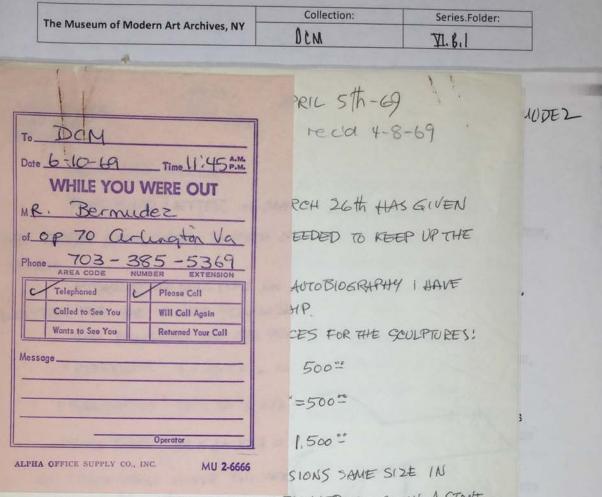
Dear Dorothy: In refering to your letter of July 18 fearmont tell you in words what a pleasant surprise was to find you in Beatrice's party. It was a happy wieting and a happy discovery.

and now to the news. Thanks to your kindness, I am know the proved recipient of a Cintos Foundation Feelowship, which is certainly going to open new horizons for all my latent i deas bloce undereloped. It is very difficult to express how grateful to your efforts fam. I can only imagine perhaps to work so hard is to be worthy of the confidence you have given me. We would love to have you have given me. We would love to have you have given me. To mome in structions I will send the sculfures to MOMA in September

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DEAR MRS. MILLER

YOUR KIND LETTER OF MARCH 26th HAS GIVEN ME GREAT ENTHUSIASM, SO MUCH NEEDED TO KEEP UP THE SPIRIT.

ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY I HAVE WRITTEN FOR THE CINTAS FELLOW SHIP.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRICES FOR THE SCULPTURES!

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1922 HIS MOTHER GIVES BIRTH TO AN OVERWEIGHT CHILD (ME) AUGUST 6TH WITH SUN IN LEO, ASCENDENT IN SCORPIO AND MOON IN CAPRICORN. (WHILE PICASSO AND BRAQUE GIVE BIRTH TO CUBISM AND GABO? PAVSNER? MALEVITCH TO CONSTRUCTIVISM. 1923-24 IS MILKFED ON CANNED MILK TO PREPARE HIM FOR THE MECHANICAL AGE AHEAD. 1925-33 GROWS SURROUNDED BY SPANISH PIONEER INMIGRANTS. SEES THE POWER OF NATURE IN A HURRICANE. LIVES IN SOLITUDE. FAMILY MOVES TO SANTIAGO (SPAIN) HE GOES IN FRONT OF 1934 PORTICO DE LA GLORIA AND KNEELS TO FOLLOW TRADITION, KNOCKS HIS FOREHEAD TO GET WISDOM FROM ITS ARQUITECT. SUBSCONSCIOUSLY FALLS IN LOVE WITH ROMANESQUE ART. JOURNEY TO MADRID TO SETTLE. WHILE ATTENDING SCHOOL WITH 1935 THE JESUITS, MAKES HUNDREDS OF DRAWINGS OF AIRPLANES AND BATTLESHIPS, STARTS HIGH SCHOOL AT THE INSTITUTO VELAZQUEZ AND SPENTS MANY HOURS AT THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. MEETS MARIO CARRENO. 1936-37-38 SICK IN BED FOR ONE YEAR, FAMILY MOVES TO SIERRA DE

GUADARRAMA, NEAR THE ESCORIAL. CREATES A WEEKLY COMIC STRIP WHILE OBSERVING THE FOLLIES OF THE ITALO-ABISINIAN WAR. SPANISH CIVIL WAR STARTS. HEMINGWAY IS FIGHTING IN SAME LOCATION. FAMILY MOVES AGAIN TO MADRID, AFTER, ADVENTUROUS JOURNEY TO MARSEILLE (FRANCE). THEY STAY THER E FOR A MONTH, THEN TO PARIS, CHERBOURG. FALLS IN LOVE WITH NORMANDIE; BACK TO HAVANA.

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BECOMES WELL KMEMAX KNOWN IN ADVERTISING. WORKS AS HEAD ARTIST AT "FINDE SIGLO" DEPARTMENT STORE. WINS TWO PRIZES IN A POSTER CONTEST ON LIVESTOCK, WITH THAT MONEY MAKES FIRST TRIP TO U S A IN 1946, VISITING THE MUSEUMS IN WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK.

1947-48

IN HAVANA CONTINUES TO WORK IN ADVERTISING ON BIGGER SCALE SIMULTANEOUSLY STARTS PAINTING IN OILS AND EXPERIMENTING IN PHOTOGRAPHY. THROUGH HIS LOVE FOR MUSIC PLUS IGNORANCE CONCEIVES A MACHINE THAT COULD SCAN DRAWINGS TO COMPOSE SOUND. HE IS TOLD THAT HE IS CRAZY BY HIS FRIENDS AND ENDS WORK ON THE PROJECT. WINS POSTER CONTEST FOR CARNIVAL. FACES NEW JOB "ANUNCIOS MARIBONA" AD AGENCY. WINS SECOND PRIZE IN PHOTO CLUB OF HAVANA CONTEST. ASKS ROBERTO DIAGO TO TEACH HIM ART, AND THEY HECOME GOOD FRIENDS. MEETS WIFREDO LAM AND PHOTOGRAPHS HIS WORK. BECOMES FRIENDS WITH MARIANO RODRIGUEZ AND MEETS LEZAMA LIMA. READS KRISHNAMURTI.

1949-50-51 GETS MARRIED WHICH ENDS IN FAILURE. GETS FIRST MOVIE CAMERA AND EXPERIMENTS WITH IT. CONTRIBUTES TO ART EXHIBITS. HAS FOUR OF HIS WORKS PUBLISHED IN "MODERN PUBLICITY" OF LONDON. WINS MINOR PRIZE IN "SALON NACIONAL". JOINS THE GROUP "ELEVEN" WITH GUIDO LLINAS, FAYAD JAMIS, HUGO CONSUEGRA AND OTHERS. PRIZEWINNER OF FIRST UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL POSTER CONTEST.

1953

HAS FIRST ONE MAN SHOW AT "LYCEUM LAWN TENNUS CLUB" IN HAVANA, ENCOURAGED BY THE PAINTEER CUNDO BERMUDEZ. WELL RECEIVED BY CRITICS INCLUDING JORGE MANACH. SELLS ONLY ONE OF HIS PAINTINGS. ENCOURAGED BY MARIO CARRENO, QUITS ADVERTISING AND COMES TO THE USA TO WORK AS PROGRAM SPECIALIST OF VISUAL ARTS, IN CULTURAL AFFAIRS, UNDER ERICCO VERISIMO. MAKES FIRST USA ONE MAN SHOW AT "FANTASY GALLERY", WASHINGTON D C. DISCOVERS THE BOREDOM

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OF BUREAUCRACY. ONLY HAPPY MOMENTS: HE MEETS AND HANGS EXHIBITS FOR OBREGON, CUEVAS, MATTA, ABULARACH, MORALES, ZANARTU AND OTHERS. GROUP SHOW IN JAMICA. PARTICIPATES IN GROUP SHOW "MODERN CUBAN PAINSHERS" WHYTE GALLERY, WASHINGTON D C.

SHOWS AT 8TH AREA EXHIBITION, CORCORAN GALLERY, WASHINGTON D C. 1954-55 TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, FORT WORTH, TEXAS. 9TH AREA EXHIBITION, CORCORAN, WASHINGTON B C. III BIENNIAL OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL WITH A SERIES OF DRAWINGS BASED ON THE CHARADE OF THE CHINESE MANDARIN GAME.

1956 ONE MAN SHOW AT "FRANZ BADER" GALLERY, WASHINGTON D C.; IV BIENNIAL OF CONTEMPORARY COLOR LHITOGRAPHY, CINCINNATI, OHIO.; GULF CARIBBEAN ART EXHIBIT, MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HOUSTON, TEXAS.; "RECENT PAINTINGS FROM CUBA" ROLAND DE AENLLE GALLERY, N Y.; "COLLAGES AND SCULPTURES" SHOW AT THE LYCEUM LAWN TENNIS CLUB GALLERY, HAVANA, CUBA. 1957 "RECENT ADQUISITIONS" MUSEUM OF MODERN ART NEW YORK.

1958

GOES BERSERK WITH ARGENTINIAN ARTIST GENY DIGNAC (GEMINIS) AND CETS MARRIED. CETS COUNTRY HOUSE AT THE END OF THE WORLD IN OAKTON, VIRGINIA. FIRST ONE MAN SHOW AT "GALLERY FOUR" DETROIT, MICHIGAN: HONEYMOONING TO CHICAGO. INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL, CARNEGIE INSTITUTE. STARTS WORKING IN WOOD RELIEFS AND HAS FIRST ONE MAN SHOW IN N Y, AT "ROLAND DE AENLLE" GALLERY, MEETS LOUISE NEVELSON AN EXCHANGES ONE WORK WITH HER. BEGINS AFRICAN ART COLLECTION. BECOMES CHIEF OF GRAPHIC ARTS, FUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT, OAS.

1959

WITH THE COOPERATION OF HIS WIFE MAKES FIRST ART MASTERPIECE, NAMED "ALEXANDER", BORN SAGITARIUS. JOINS SURREALIST GROUP SHOW AT THE BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF ART, MARYLAND. SHOWS AT "SURREALISM, IMAGERY TO REALITY" IN "GREES GALLERY", WASHINGTON D C. GROUP SHOW AT SANTO TOMAS DE VILLANUEVA UNIVERSITY, HAVANA, CUBA.

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1960 ONE MAN SHOW AT "GRESS GALLERY" WITH COLLAGES, OILS AND WOOD SCULPTURES, WASHINGTON, D C. I AND II GROUP SHOW AT "MARTHA JACKSON" GALLERY, NY, "NEW MEDIA NEW FORM". BEGINS WORKING IN COPPER SHEET, MAKES SEVERAL BAS RELIEFS.
1961 IS SELECTED BY BRADFORD WASHEURN TO SHOW AT PITTSBURCH INTERNATIONAL AND SEES HIS WORK PROUDLY HANGING BETWEEN BEN MICHOLSON AND TAPIES. STUDIES WELDING AT BELL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, WASINGTON D C, AND WORKS PROFUSELY ON STEEL. ONE MAN SHOW OF SCULTURES ATVTHE

CORCORAN GALLIRY OF ART, WASHINGTON D C. , EXCELLENT PRESS COVERAGE BUT NO SALES.

1962-63 SUBMITS WORKS AGAIN TO THE 15TH AREA CORCORAN SHOW. WINS LOCAL CONTEST FOR A MURAL FOR AN APARTMENT BUILDING IN MARYLAND. WITH THAT MOMEY TOURS FOR TWO MONTHS THROUGH FRANCE, SPAIN, ITALY AND SITZERLAND. VISITS LASCAUX, KARNAK AND ALTAMIRA. THINKS OF MOVING TO SWITZERLAND. IN 63, GIVES A SAMLL ONE MAN SHOW IN VIRGINIA AT "FMERSON GALLERY", MC LEAN.

1964

ON DECEMBER 31ST OF 63, CREATES HIS SECOND AND LAST MASTERPIECE, A GIRL (CAPRICORN) NAMED MELANIE, WITH THE COLLABORATION OF HIS WIFE, CONTRIBUTES TO THREE GROUP SHOWS, ONE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, ANOTHER IN GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AND THE THIRD AT THE CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART, ALLL IN WASHINGTON. STARTS MAKING A LARGE SERIES OF DRAWINGS CALLED "WINTER DRAWINGS" WITH INTAGLIO AND INK? INSPIRED BY THE SNOW.

1965

CONTRIBUTES TO "ART IN WASHINGTON", INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ARTS, WASHINGTON D C; WITH A SELECTION OF SEVERAL PIECES OF STEEL, STAIMLESS AND BRASS.

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1966 IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 72 ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON ARTISTS. TRAVELS THROUGH FRANCE, SPAIN, SWITZERLAND; IN DENMARK WORKS ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR AN EXHIBIT OF HIS DRAWINGS IN "GALERIE MODERNE" SILKEBORG. THEN VISITS THE BIENNALE AT VENICE. LENDS PART OF HIS PRIMITIVE ART COLLECTION ALTOGETHER WITH SOME OF HIS SCULPTURES TO THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER FOR EXHIBITION.

1967

1968

PRODUCES AN SHM COLOR FILM ON HIS WIFE'S (DIGNAC) LIGHT PLASTIC CONSTRUCTIONS. SHOW OF HIS DRAWINGS AT "GALERIE MODERNE" DENMARK. ONE MAN SHOW OF HIS "WINTER DRAWINGS" IN CARACAS, VENEZUELA AT THE MUSEUM OF BELLAS ARTES. CONCENTRATES ON STAINLESS STEEL AND BRASS AS A MEDIA.

IN COLLABORATION WITH HIS WIFE AND THE ASSISTANCE OF TWO ENGINEERS JOIN "EXPERIMENTS IN ART AND THECNOLOGY AND PRODUCE "A TOY MACHINE" NAMED " I TICK, YOU TICK, WE TICK, MAGNETICK, PLASTICK, LIGHTICK; TRYPTICK". A THREE SIDED TWO FEET WIDE BY EIGHT FEET HEIGHT, WITH LIGHTS; MAGNETS, PLASTIC, SOUND, ETC, ETC., FOR THE LARGE SHOW "SOME MORE BEGININGS" OF E.A.T. AT THE PROOKLYN MUSEUM OF ART. SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HIS WIFE'S ASSISTANCE PRODUCE AN 80M FILM WITH SOUND, ON HOW THE TOY MACHINE WAS BUILT. PARTICIPATES IN GROUP SHOW AT THE "FRICK MUSEUM", PITTSBURCH, PENN. THE PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART BUYS ONE OF HIS DRAWINGS. HE IS WORKING ON SEVERAL SCULPTURES OF SAINLESS STEEL.....

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THIS WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO MY PRODUCTION EXCLUSIVELY ON MATERIALS .

NATURALLY THEY ASK FOR REPERENCES AND 1 THOUGHT OF YOU INMEDIATLY,

BUT I REAUZE HOW PRECIOUS YOUR TIME IS, AND I WONDER IF IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TO IMPOSE ON YOUR KINDNESS, TO FILL IN THE REFERENCE FORM.

I WILL BE ALWAYS INDEBTED ON WHATEVER C. YOU CAN DO ON THE MATTER. C.

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND SOME RHOTOS OF MY LATERT WORK TO GIVE YOU AN UP TO-DATE VISION

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JOSA BERLUDEZ Biographical Data.

Born of Spanish parents 6th of August, 1922 in Cuba. Self-taught except for brief study with Roberto Diago. Lived in Spain and France. Came to reside in the United States in 1953. Lives in Cakton, Virginia.

#### ONE MAN SHOWS

1953. Lyceum Gallery, Havana. Cuba.

1953. Fantasy Gallery. Washington D.C.

1956. Franz Eader Gallery. Washington D.C.

1958. Gallery 4. Detroit. Michigan.

1958. Roland de Aenlle Gallery. New York City.

1960. Gres Gallery. Washington D.C.

1961. Corcoran Gallery of Art. Vashington D.C.

1963. Emerson Gallery, McLean, Virginia.

1967. Galerie Moderne. Silkeborg. Denmark.

1967. Museo de Bellas Artes. Caracas. Venezuela.

GROUP SHOWS.

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1953. 6th Annual Art Exhibit. Havana. Cuba.
1953. "Young Cuban Fainters. The Eleven".La Rampa Gallery. Havana. Cuba.
1953. Cuban Fainting. Jamaica.
1953. "Modern Cuban Fainters" Whyte Gallery. Washington D.C.
1954. 8th Annual Area Exhibition. Corcoran Gallery of Art. Washington D.C.
1954. Texas Christian University. Forth Worth. Texas.
1955. 9th Annual Area Exhibition. Corcoran Gallery of Art. Washington D.C.
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1956. "IV Biennial of the Museum of Modern Art. Sao Faulo. Brazil.
1956. "Collages and Sculptures" Lyceum Gallery. Havana. Cuba.
1956. "Gulf Caribbean Art Exhibit" Museum of Fine Arts. Houston. Texas.
1957. "Recent Paintings from Cuba" Rolland de Aenlle Gallery. New York City.
1957. "Recent Adquisitions" Museum of Modern Art. New York.
1958. National Gallery of Paintings. La Paz. Bolivia.
1958. Pittsburgh International. Carnegie Institute. Pittsburgh. Pa.
1959. Baltimore Museum of Art. Baltimore, Maryland.
1959. "Surrealism, Imagery to Reality". Gres Gallery. Washington D.C.
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1959. Univerisidad Santo Tomás de Villanueva. Havana. Cuba. 1960. New Ledia-New Form I and II. Nartha Jackson Gallery. New York. 1961. Fittsburgh International. Carnegie Institute. Fittsburgh, Pa. 1962. 15th Exhibition. Corcoran Gallery of Art. Washington D.C. 1963. 16th Exhibition. Corcoran Gallery of Art. Washington D.C. 1964. Washington Collects Latin American Art. American University. Wash.D. 1964. Religion and the Fine Arts. G. Washington University. Wash. D.C. 1964. Modern Paintings and Sculpture in Washington Collections. Corooran Gallery of Art. Washington D.C. 1965. Art in Washington. Institute of Contemporary Arts. Washington D.C. 1966. 72 Annual Exhibition of the Society of Washington Artists. Washington D.C. ( by invitation) 1966. "The Artist Collects" Jewish Community Center. Washington D.C. 1967. Latin American Exhibit of Drawings and Prints. Central University of Venezuela. Caracas. Venezuela. 1968. Five Area Artists. Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. 1967-68 - EAT - BROOKEYNI MUSEUM OF ART. U.Y. Alexandria. Virginia.

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS

Museum of Modern Art, New York. Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, Maryland. Cincinnati Art Museum, Cinncinati, Ohio. Detroit Art Institute. Detroit, Michigan. National Gallery of Paintings, La Faz, Bolivia. Inter-American Museum of Modern Art. Cartagena, Colombia. Northwood Institute of Michigan, Northwood, Michigan. Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington D.C. Museo de Bellas Artes. Caracas, Venezuela. Latin American Foundation. San Juan. Fuerto Rico.

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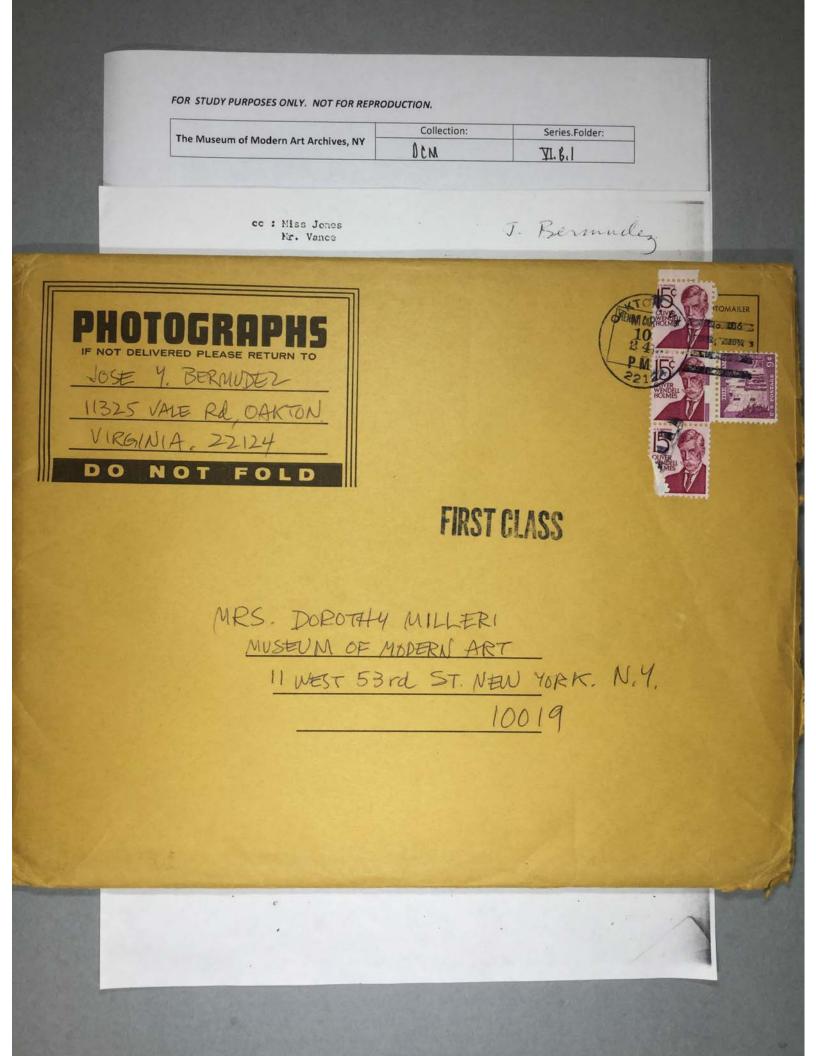
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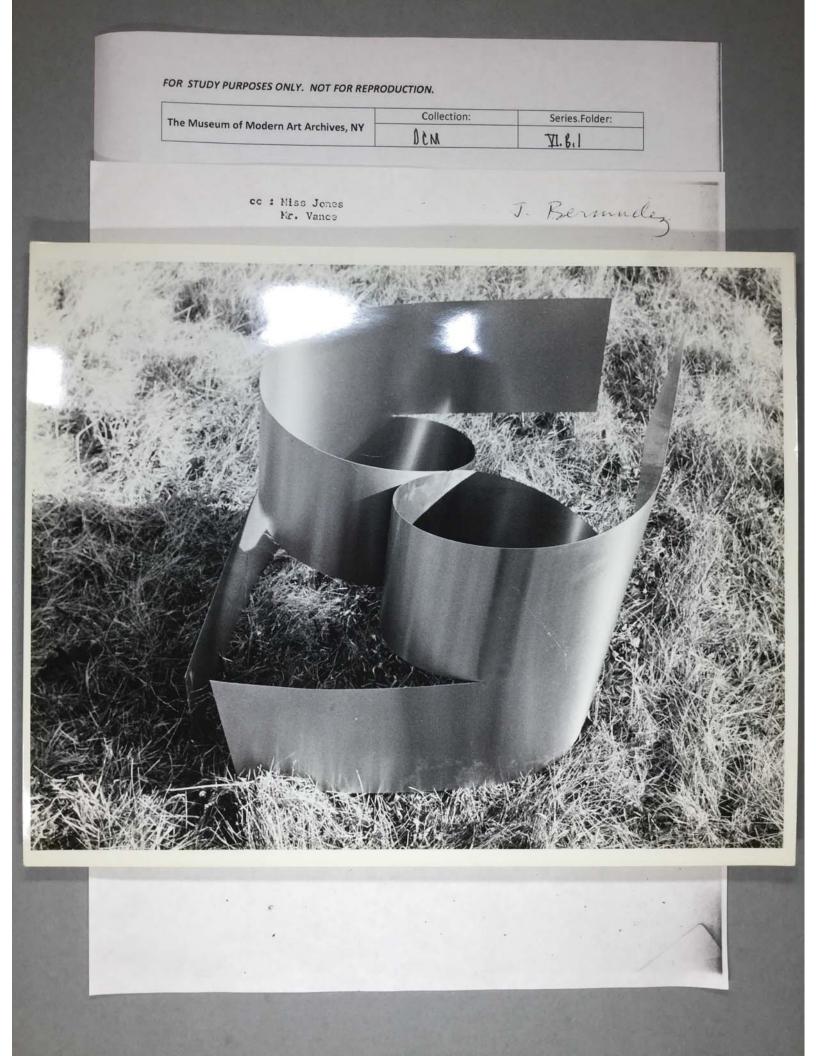
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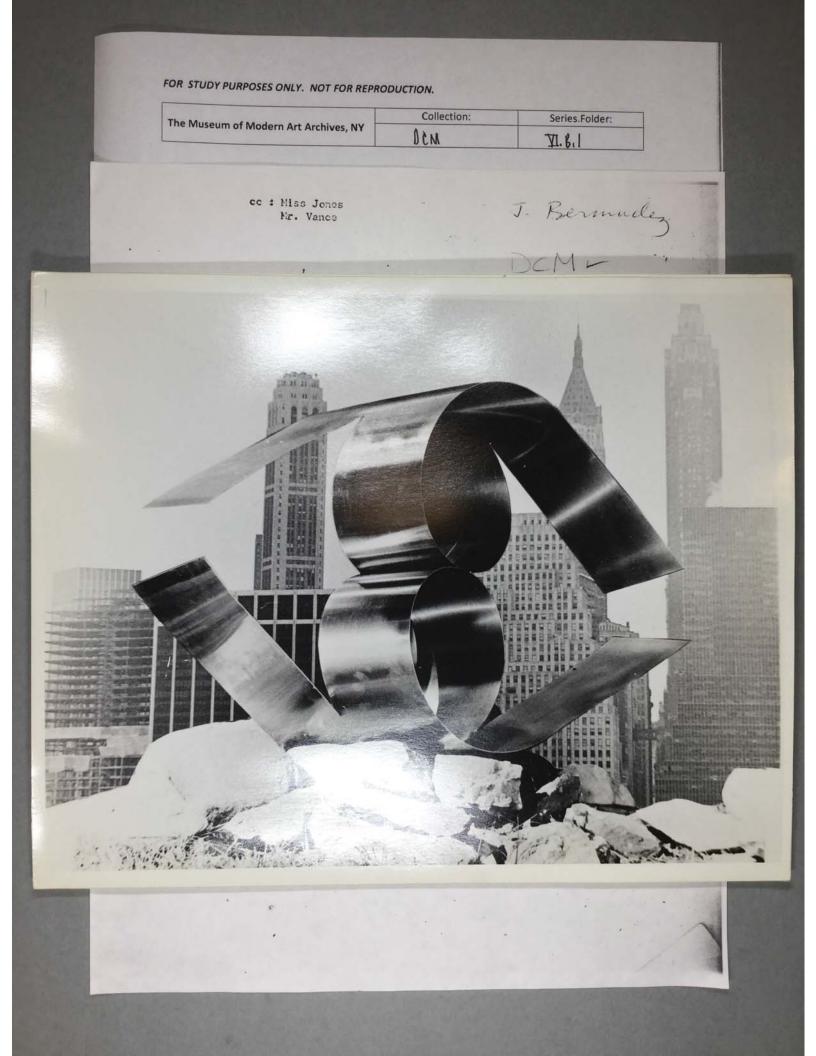
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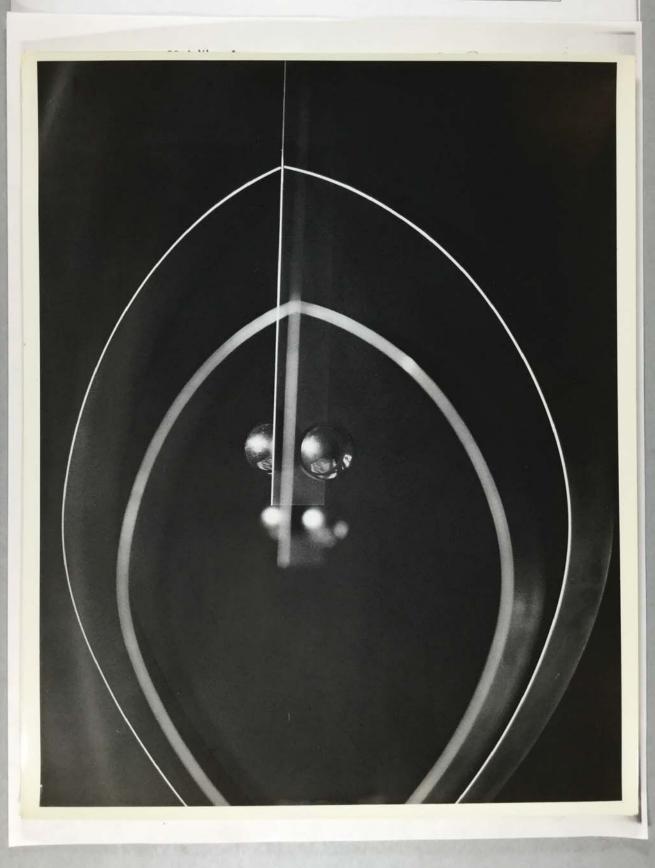


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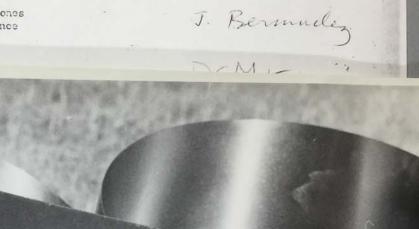
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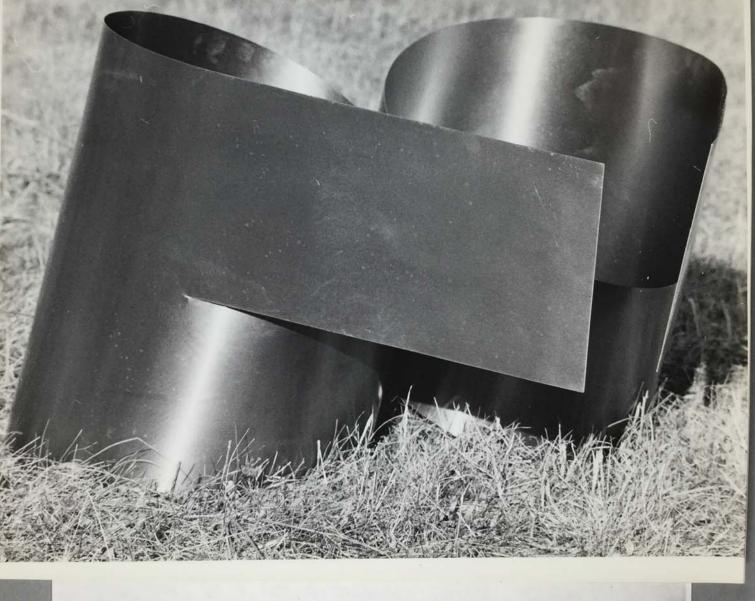
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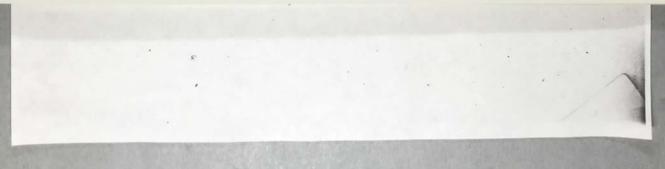
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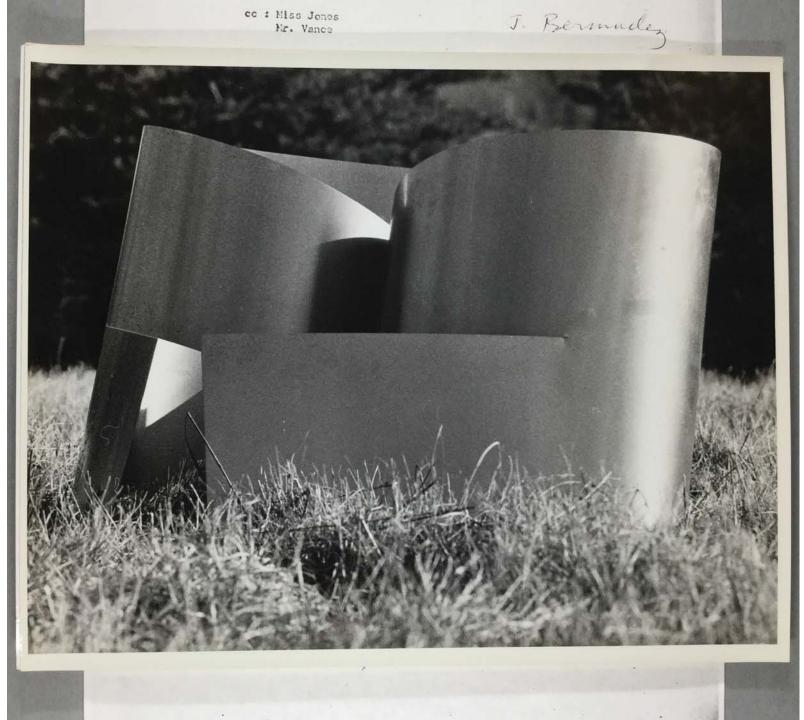


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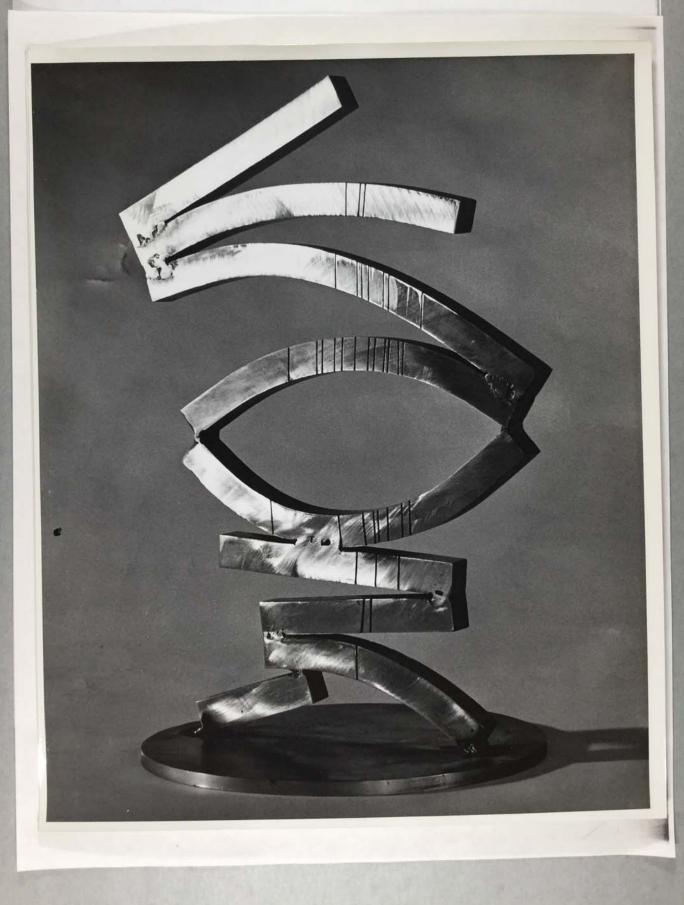
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## July 18, 1969

Dear Jose:

It was so nice to see you and your wife at Beatrice Perry's party. I showed the photographs of three of your pleces of sculpture to our staff committee in June and the general opinion was that we would like to see some of your pleces some time when you are going to drive to New York.

I have really retired from the Museum this summer, but will continue to work in New York and would like to know when you might bring the sculpture to the Museum. Miss Betsy Jones, Assolute Curator of Painting and Sculpture, is the person that you should write to when you know about bringing the sculpture to New York.

Ne will not have another committee meeting until October, but you could bring the pieces earlier whenever convenient.

With very best wishes to you both.

Sincerely,

## Dorothy C. Miller

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