

Alfred Boeder

Alfred Boeder Fine Arts - Painting Five

[A. Van Borssom - River  
Landscape in the moonlight]

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**ANTHONIE VAN BORSSOM**  
Amsterdam 1629-1677

**Flusslandschaft bei Mondschein**  
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"AVDN".

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EUR 15 000/17 500.–

*Gutachten:*  
Dr. Wolfgang Schulz, Berlin 20. September  
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*Provenienz:*  
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Kieker Nov. 12/17 2008, lot 1095





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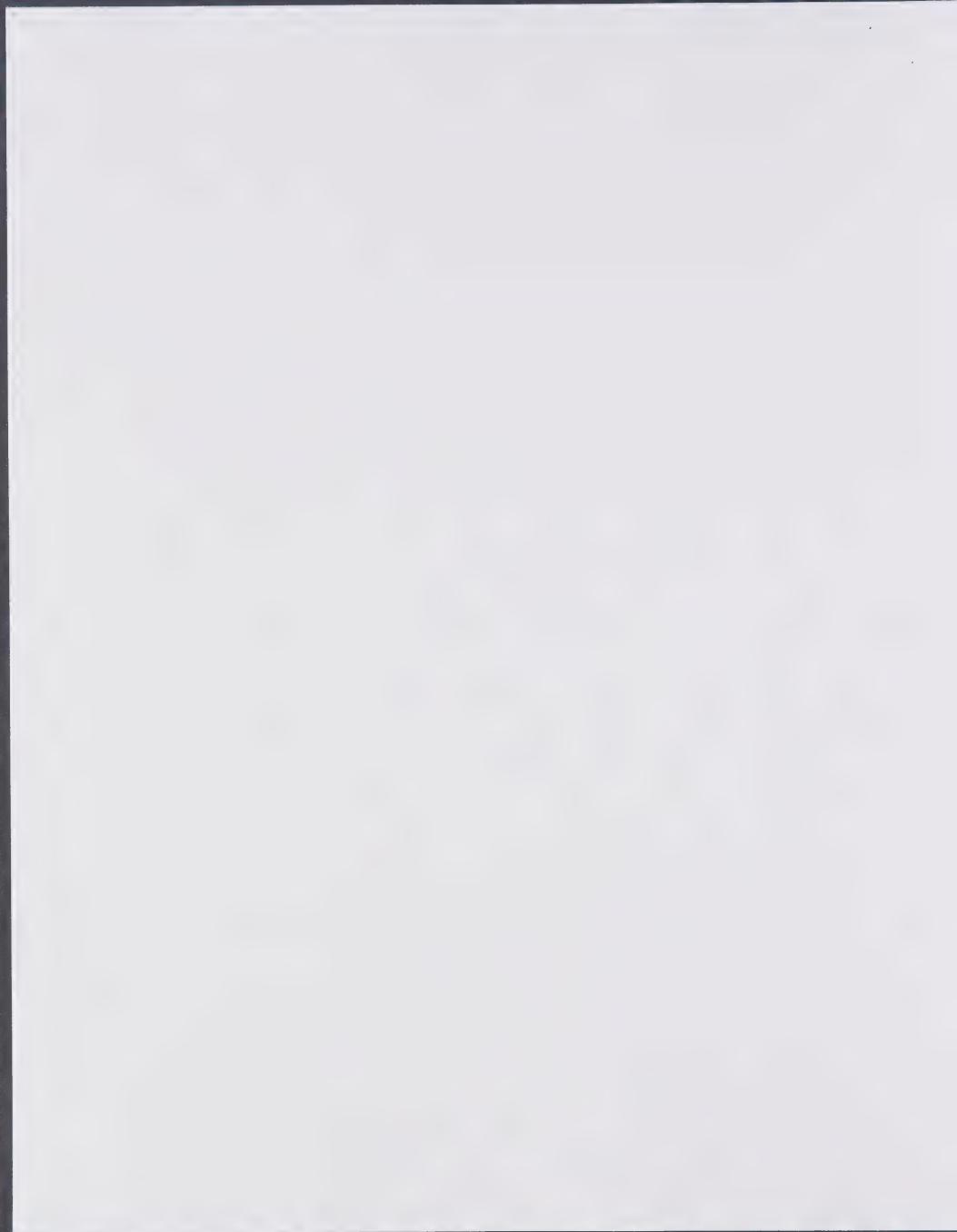
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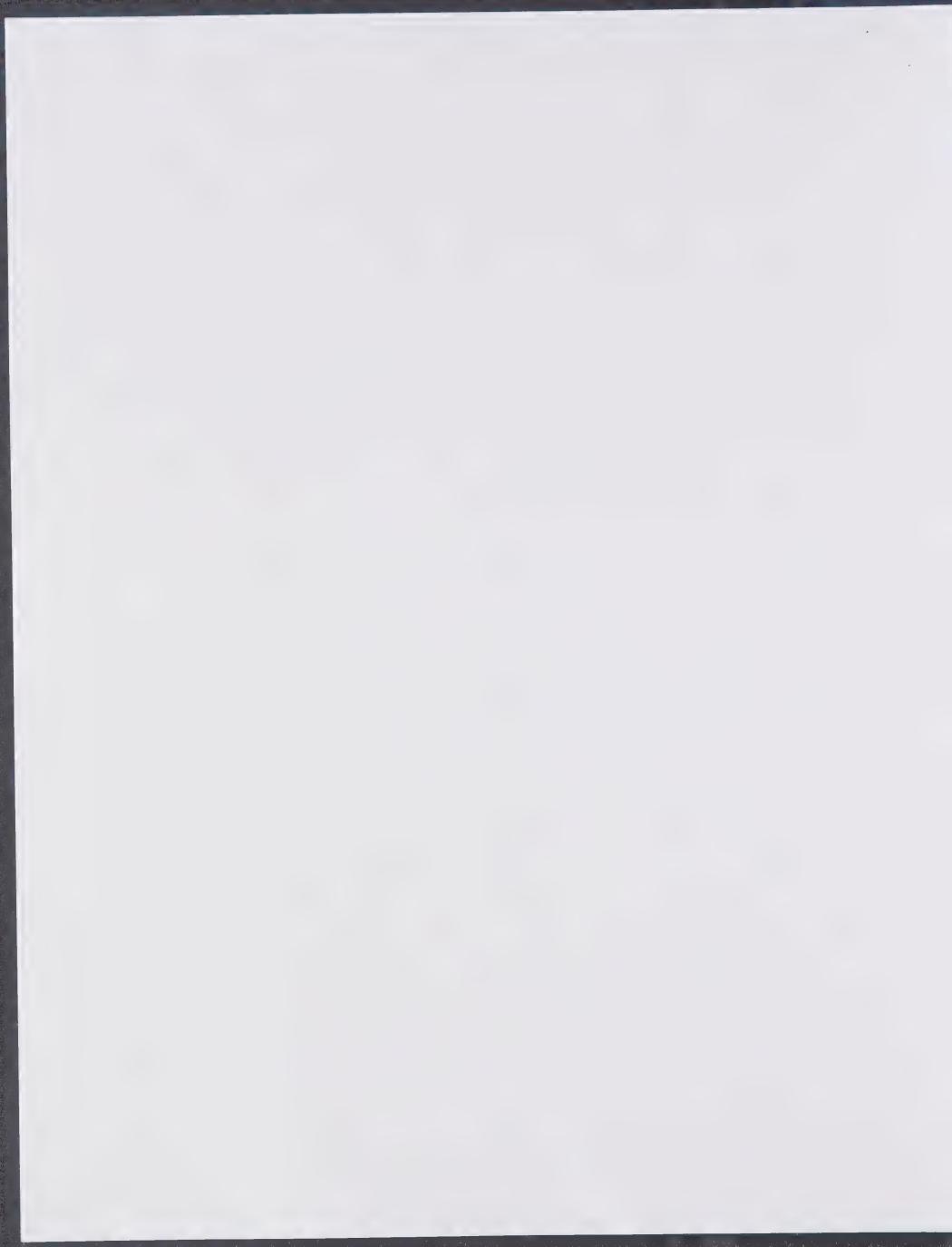
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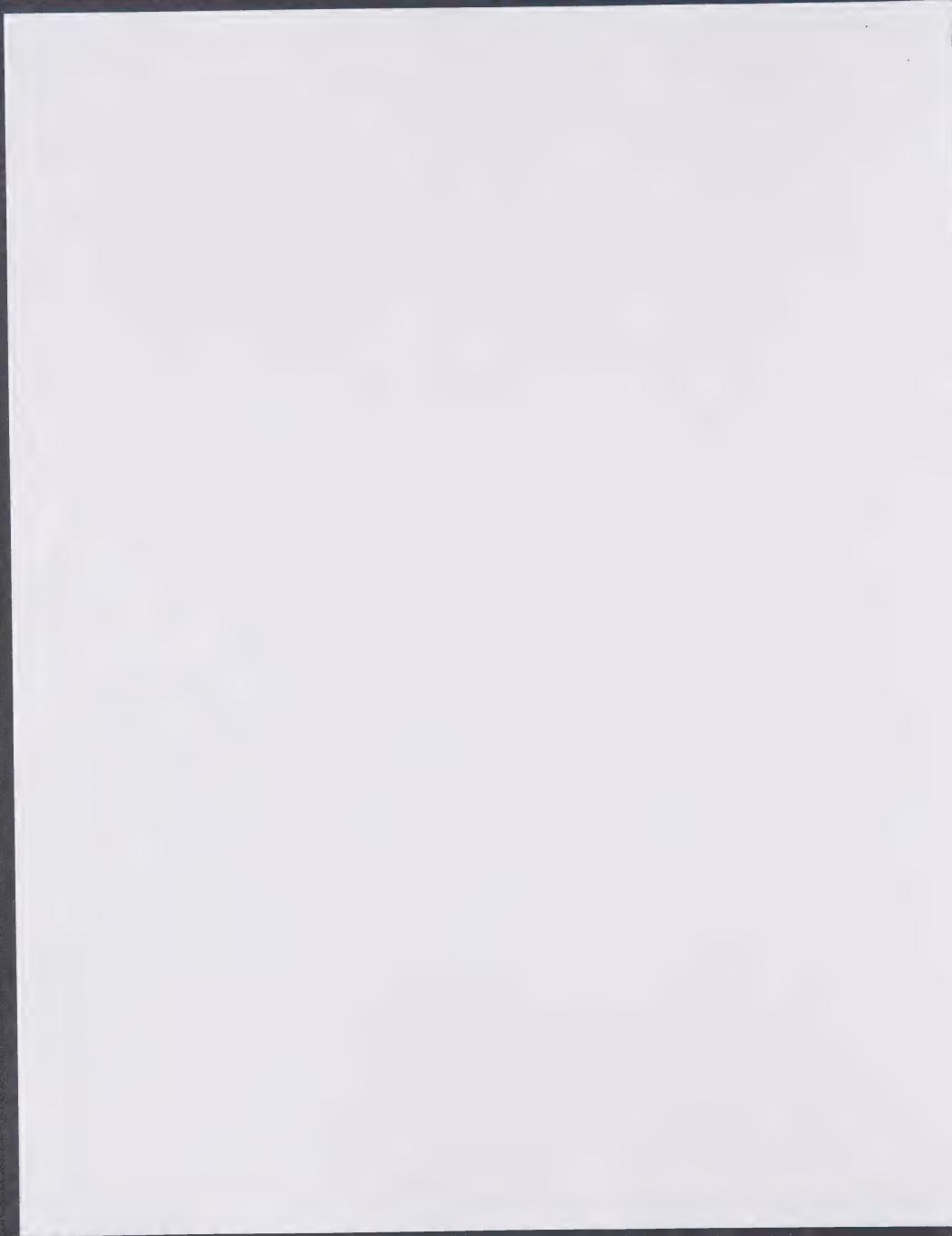
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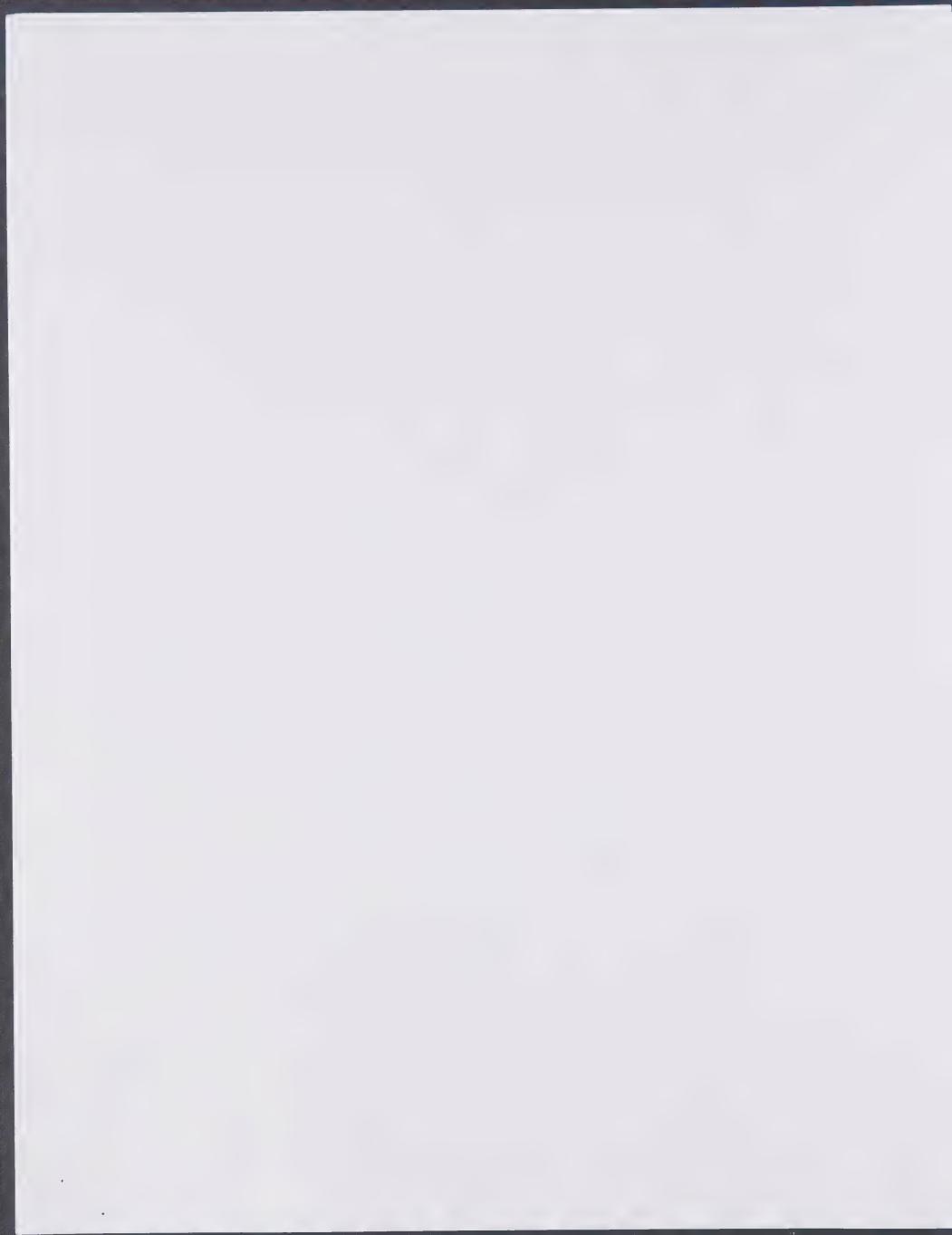


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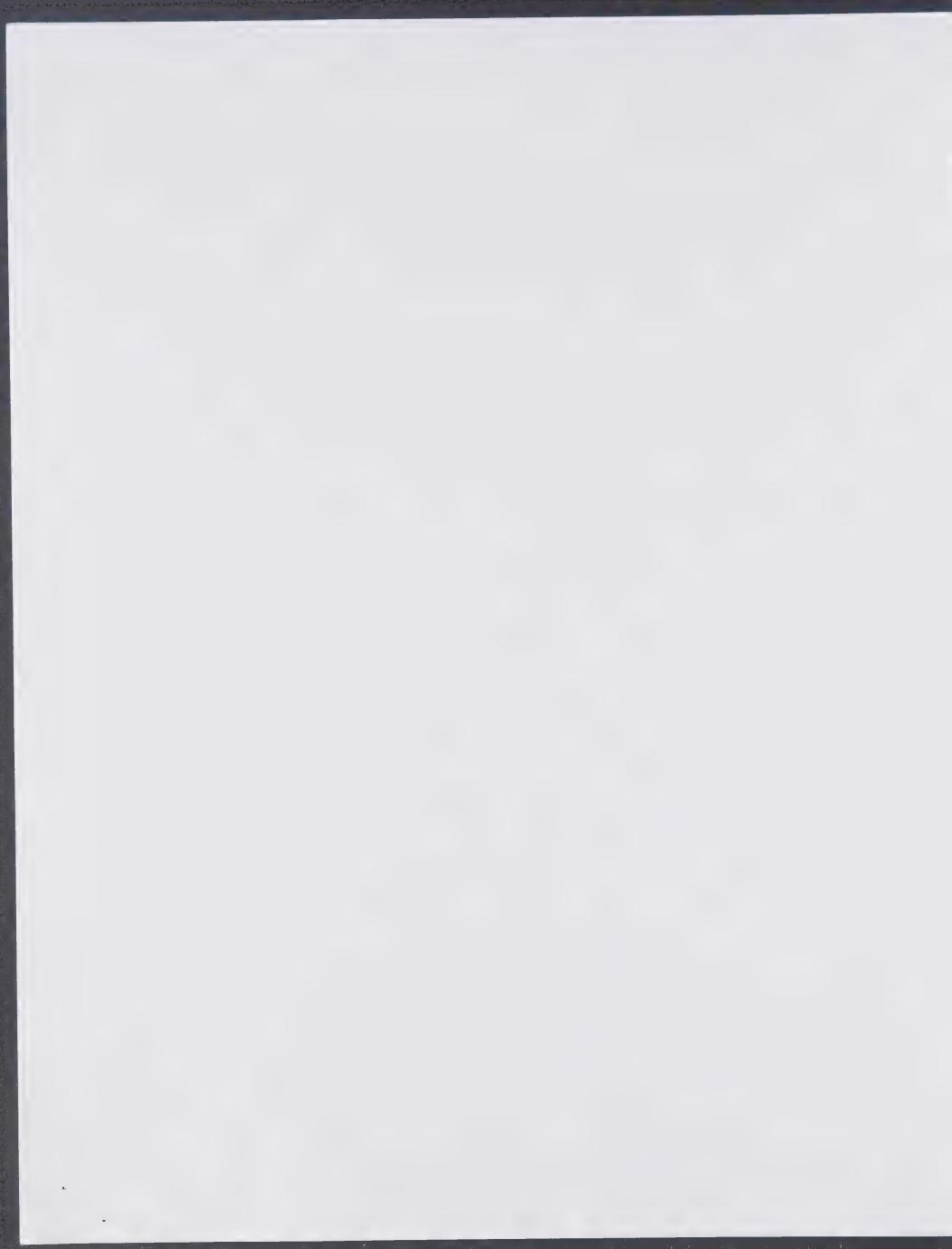
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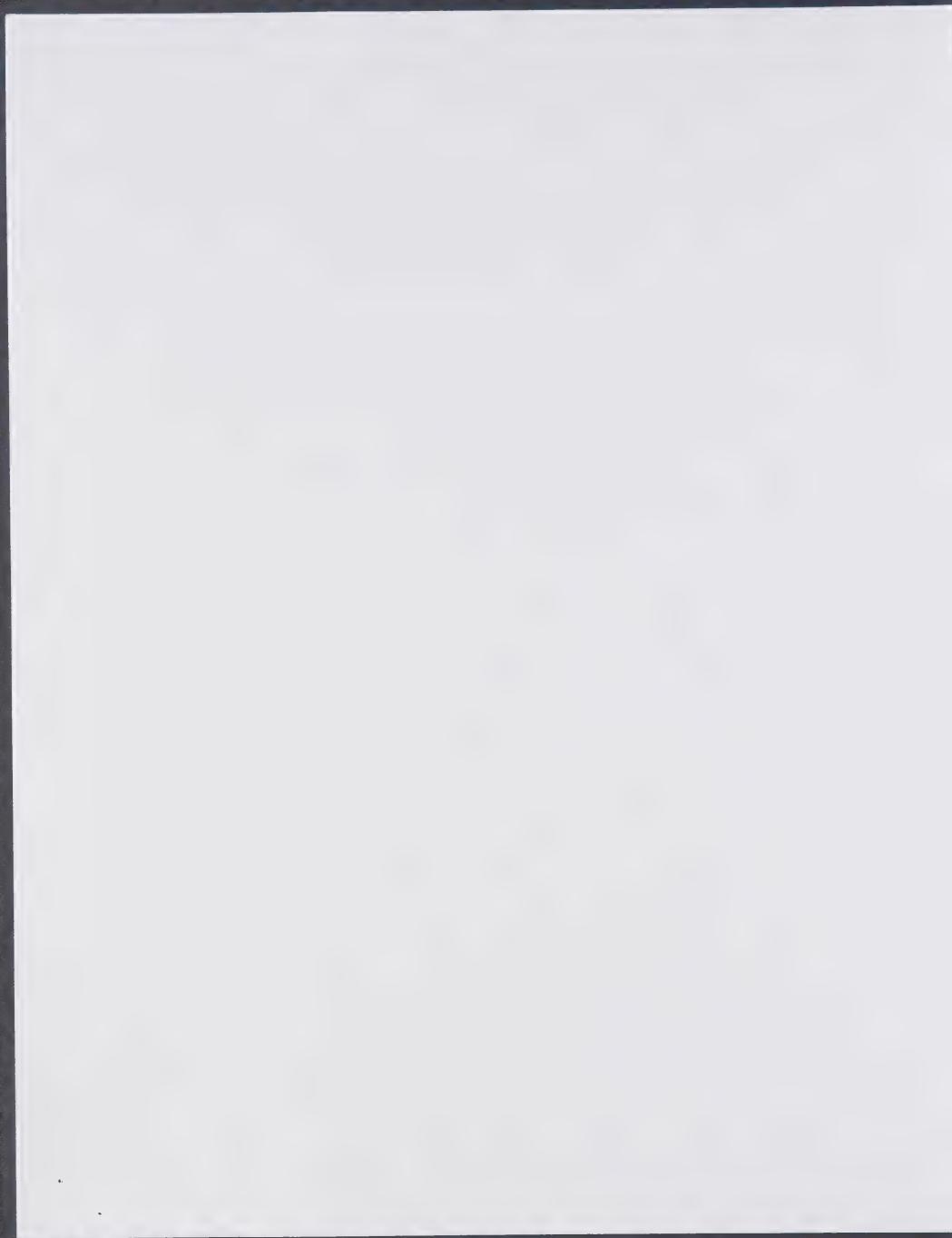


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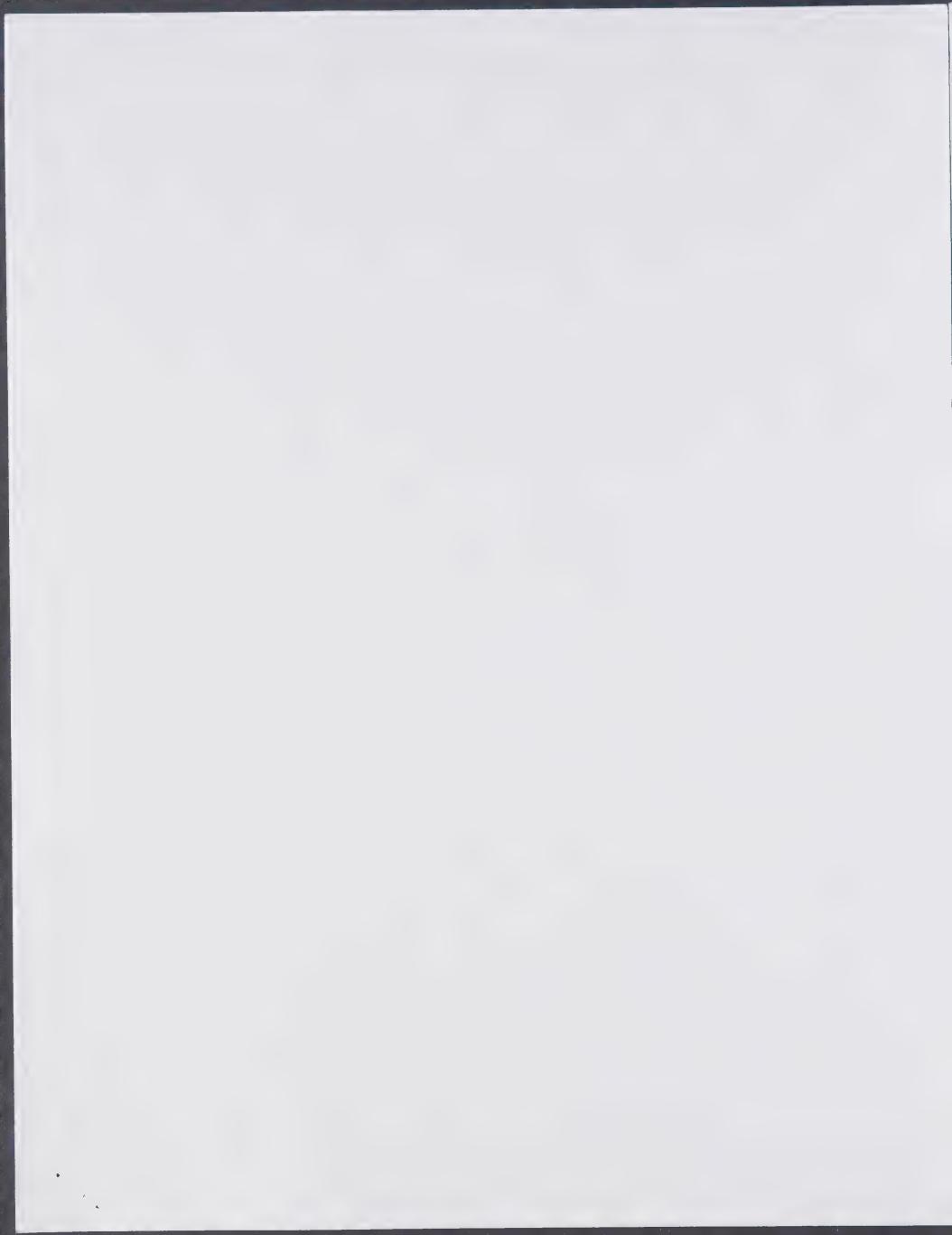
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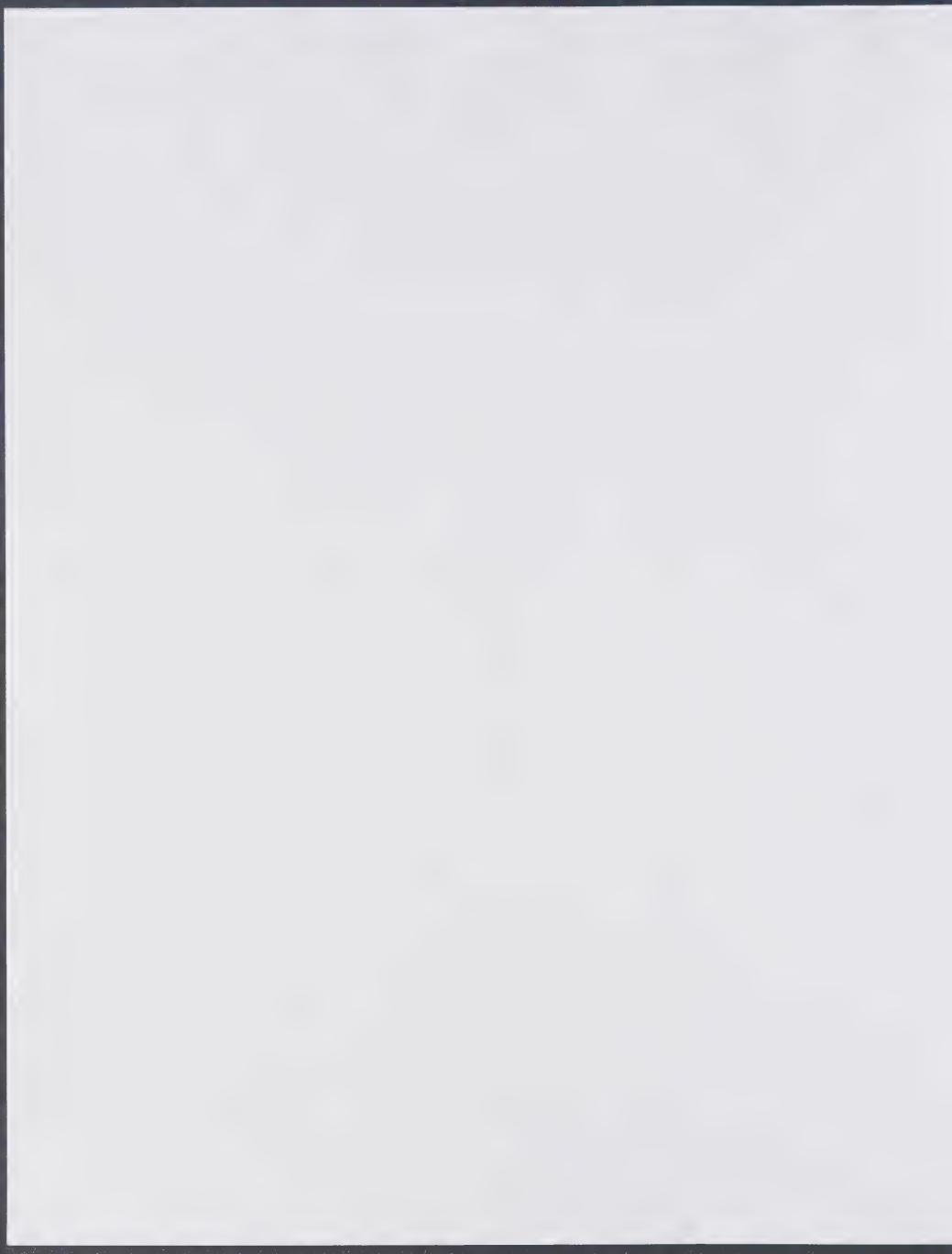
I very much look forward to your comments about the enclosed essay.

With best regards I am

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader  
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Dr. Boris Castel, Editor  
Queen's Quarterly  
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Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6  
CANADA

Dear Boris,

I very much hope that you can publish the enclosed essay in the *Queen's Quarterly*.  
As you will see from the enclosed, Dr. David de Witt approves of it.

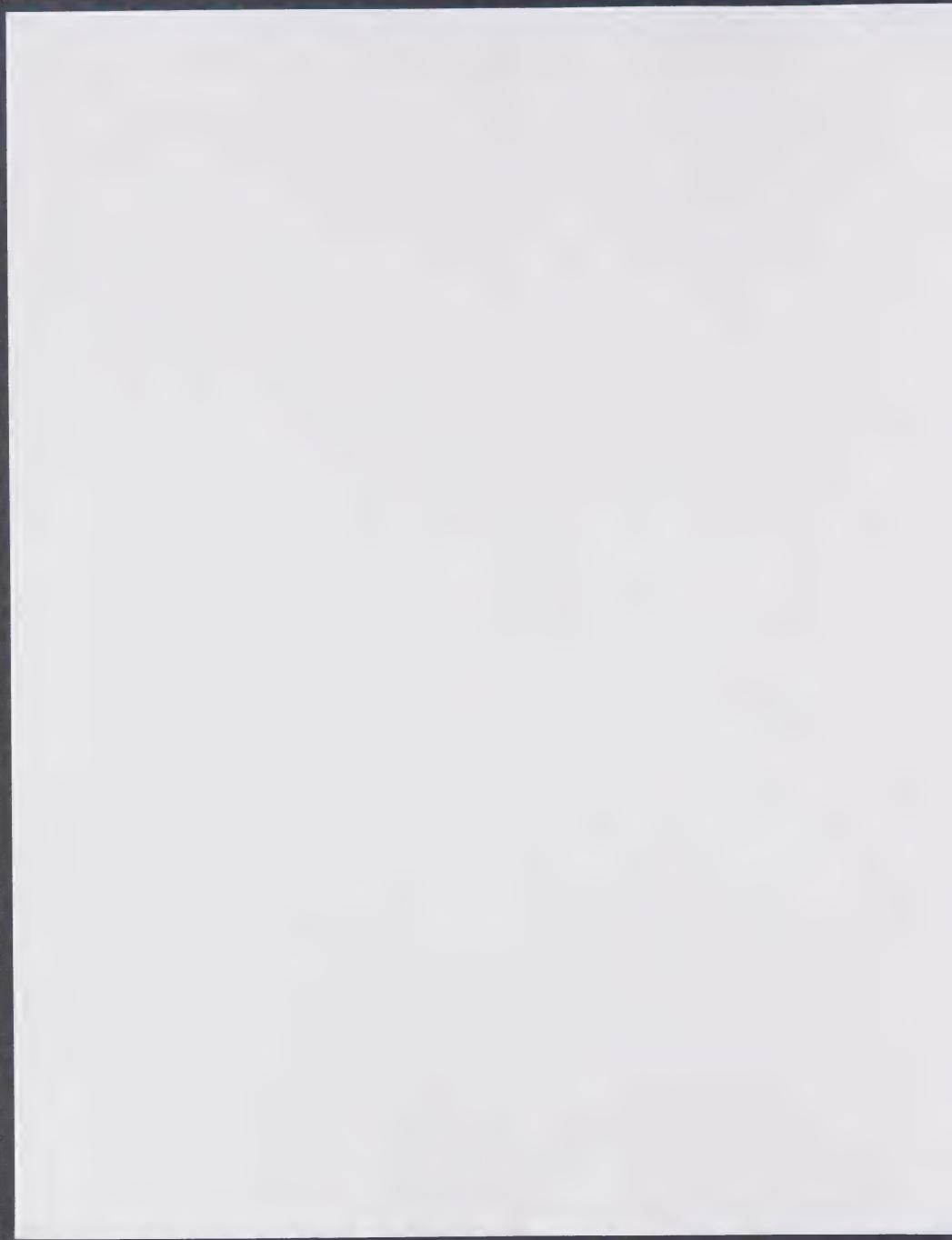
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**Alfred Bader Fine Arts**

**From:** David de Witt [3dad5@queensu.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2012 3:08 PM  
**To:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts  
**Subject:** RE: van Borssom

Dear Alfred,

I am impressed by this piece, a very thoughtful and well-phrased account of the acquisition and study of this problematic painting.

Perhaps we will still be able to find a real Aert van der Neer for the collection! Likely not from Fischer, though.

Just to give it to you in writing: the Blind Bevisarius that has stumped us for decades is clearly by the Milanese painter Andrea Lanzani (1641–1712), and the attribution has already received the support of a leading scholar of Milanese art, Jacopo Stoppa, who is very impressed with the painting.

Also, the figures in the Hagar and the Angel from the Spencer collection are very likely by Giovanni Lanfranco (1582–1647), who is a famous late Baroque painter from Parma and active mostly in Rome. They fit with his style of around 1621, and both he and Jan Linsen were in Rome at this time. His own depiction of the same theme in the Louvre dates to a little later, but shows much the same pose for Hagar.

Franziska and I send best wishes to both of you,  
David

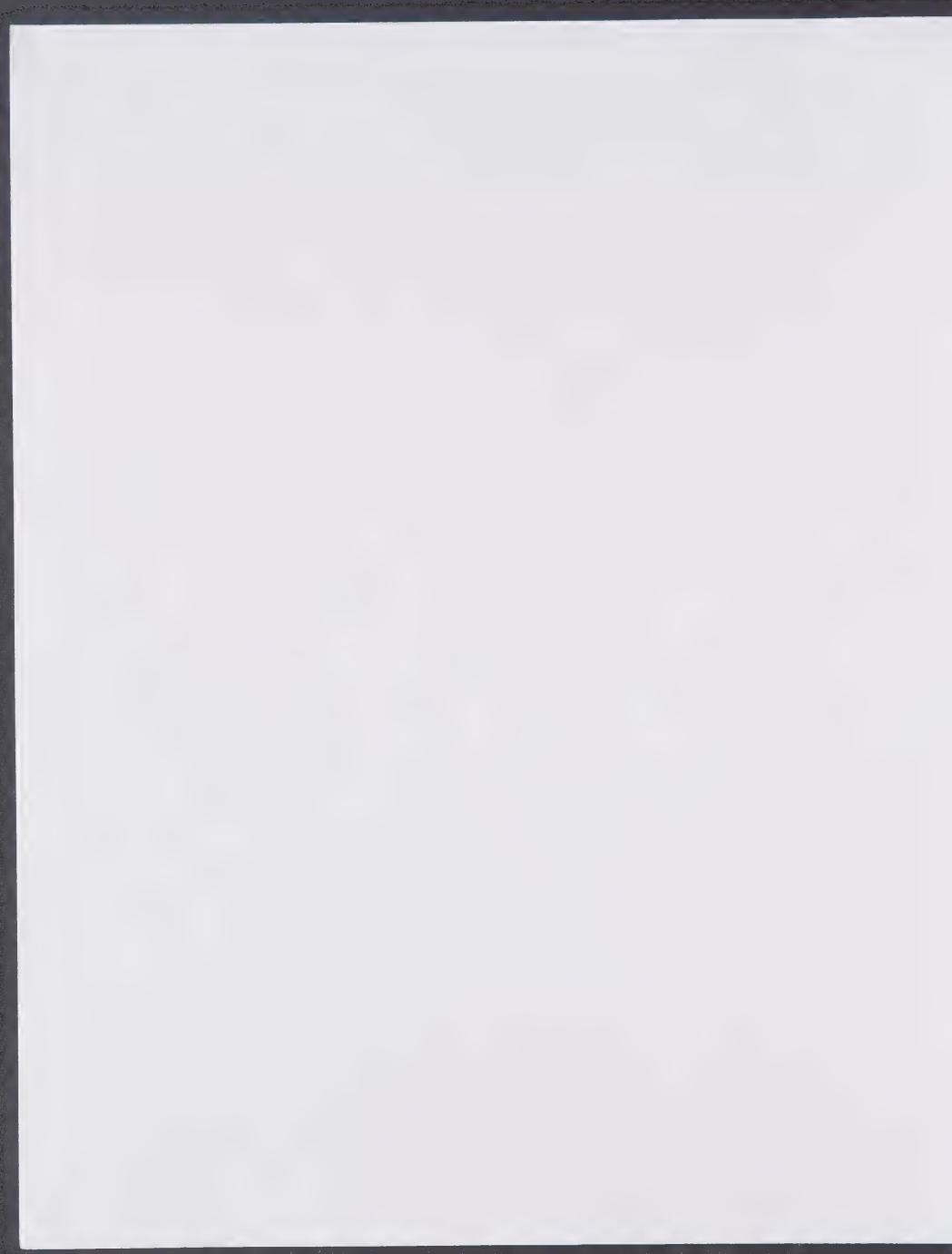
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**From:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts [mailto:[baderfa@execpc.com](mailto:baderfa@execpc.com)]  
**Sent:** August-24-12 2:59 PM  
**To:** David de Witt  
**Subject:** van Borssom

Dear David,

I hope that the attached essay can be published somewhere. This is just a rough draft and I will not send it until I have your approval. I do think that the painting will be a good teaching tool.

Many thanks,  
Alfred





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February 23, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Nahey  
5661 N. Hwy. 83  
Hartland, WI 53029

Dear Nancy and Brian,

I am sorry that I haven't been in touch with you for a little while but I spent a week at Columbia Hospital and now am only working part time.

While in the hospital, Dr. David de Witt, the Bader Curator at Queen's University, visited me and told me that never before had he seen so many really good new acquisitions at Alfred Bader Fine Arts.

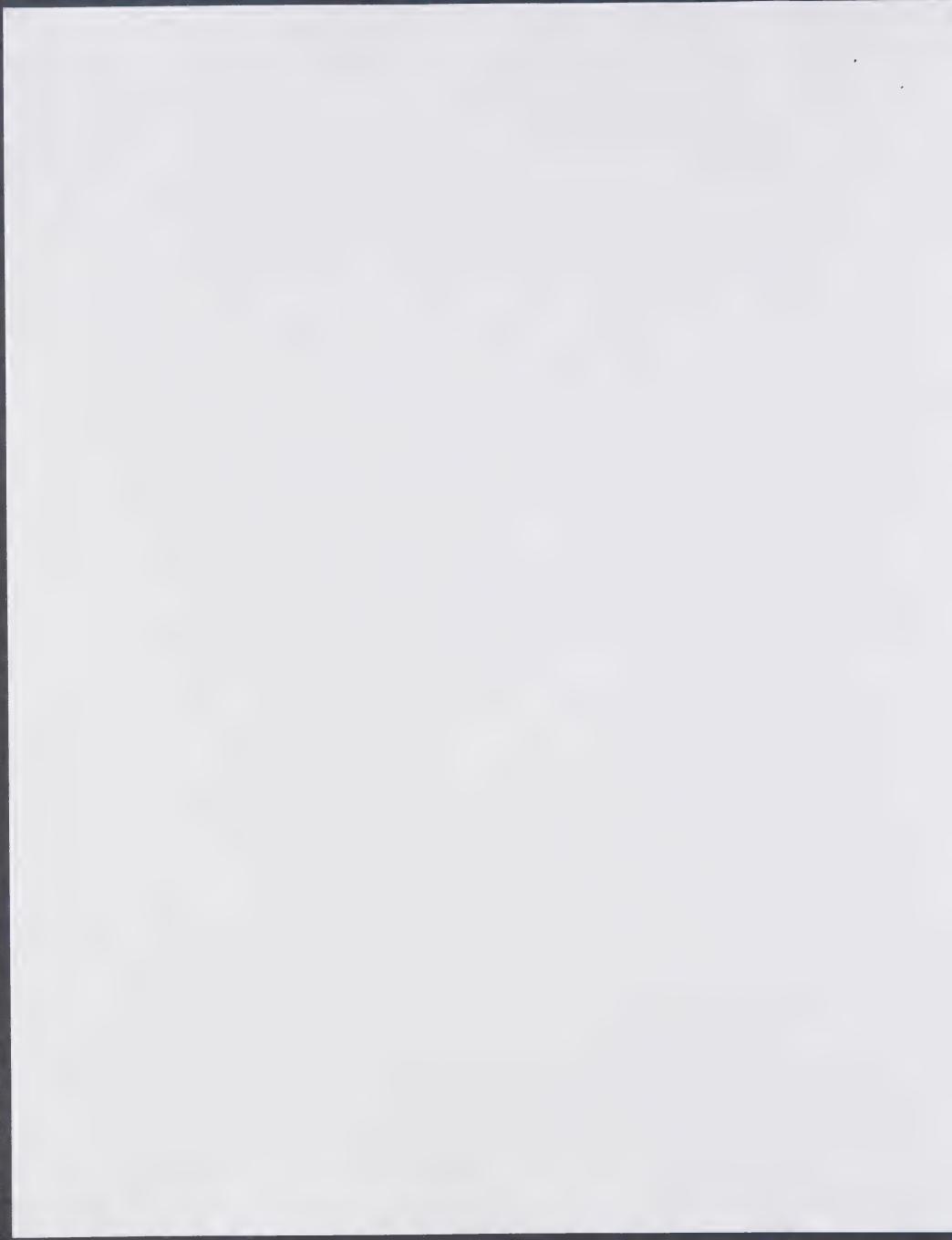
Let me discuss some of these with you.

One of these is a *Study of a Man* which you told me you liked from the photograph. Surprisingly, the Sotheby's catalog called it 'German 19<sup>th</sup> century' when it is undoubtedly a fine 17<sup>th</sup> century Haarlem work very close to Jan de Bray. David de Witt studied it very carefully and confirms this. Photograph is enclosed.

A second is a very nice Dordrecht School landscape of about 1660 close to Aelbert Cuyp, again photograph is enclosed.

Also I recently acquired a very beautiful *Head of an Old Man* by Pierre Alexandre Wille (Paris 1748-1821), photograph enclosed. David de Witt told me that this is so good that I should consider giving it to the museum at Queen's, but then I have been giving them mainly Dutch and Flemish paintings and not French ones.

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This painting has an interesting history: Early in the last century it was in the famous Sedelmayer Gallery in Paris where it was attributed to Fragonard. If Fragonard, it would be worth a few hundred thousand dollars. Then it was owned by a well-known gallery in New York, Spencer A. Samuels & Company, who attributed it to Jean-Baptiste Greuze.

Actually, however, it is by Greuze's student, Wille, and I have a number of his sketches clearly relating to this beautiful painting.

Lastly, and perhaps to you most importantly, is that very beautiful *Moonlight Lakescape* which I acquired some time ago at the Auktionshaus Fischer in Lucerne, Switzerland. Reproduction of the Fischer entry is enclosed.

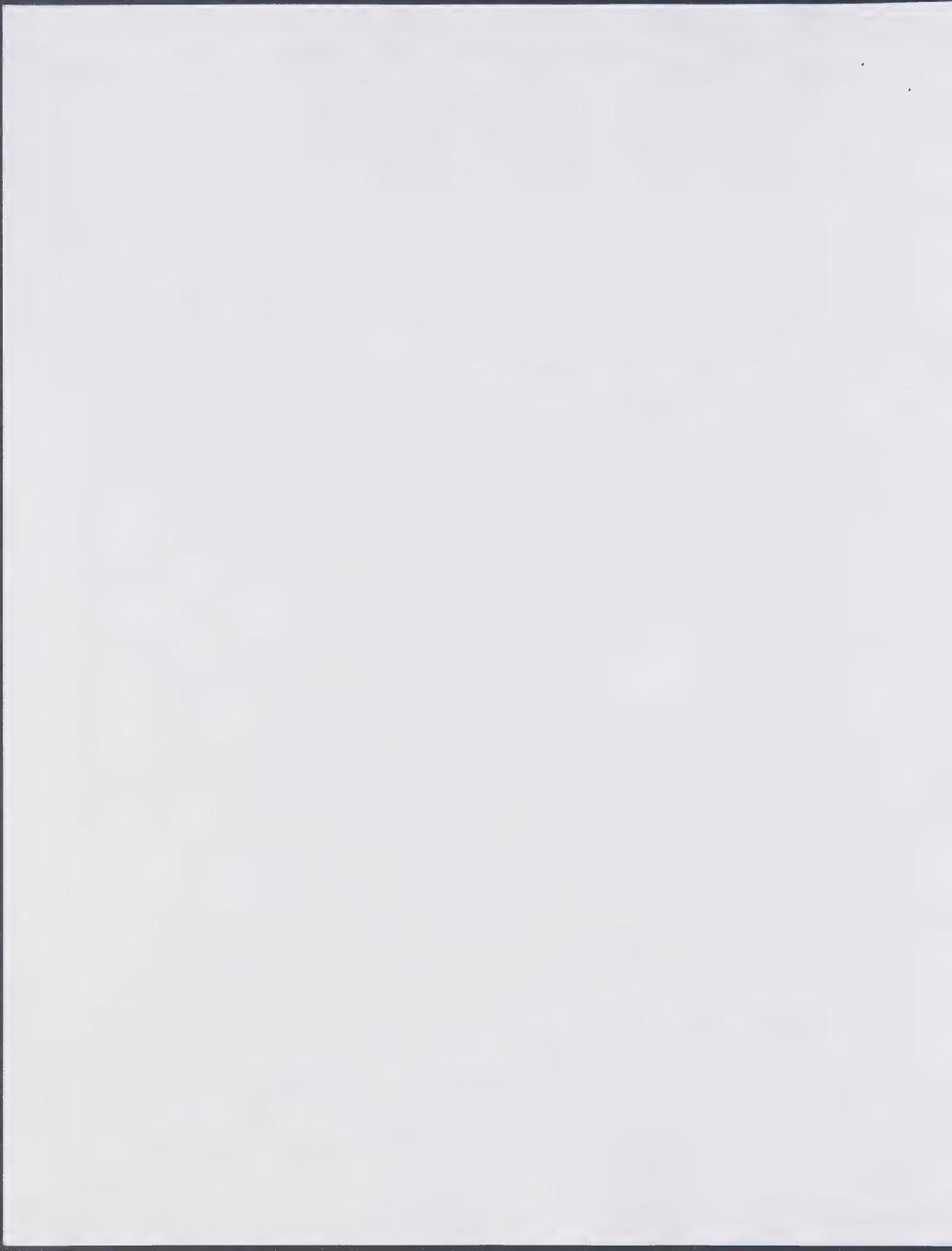
With this comes an expertise by the well-known expert, Dr. Wolfgang Schulz in Berlin, who attributes it to Anthonie van Borssom. Copy of this expertise and my translation is enclosed.

Such moonlight scenes were very popular in Holland right into the 19<sup>th</sup> century and what makes this landscape particularly interesting is that it was painted on top of a 16<sup>th</sup> century painting of the Holy Family as clearly shown by the x-ray I have had taken, and which I will show you.

I purchased this for myself and not for Alfred Bader Fine Arts but, sadly, this painting is larger than I realized and I don't know where to hang it at home. If you really love it I would be happy to sell it to you at my cost and there would be no tax involved.

I do hope that you will visit me before long to look at all of these.

Brian: I was so happy when I saw that you called me your mentor. Allow me to tell you a little bit about the first mentor that I ever had. That was Professor Ulrich Middeldorf described in some detail in Chapter 21 of my first autobiography. I met Professor Middeldorf in Chicago in the early 50s and he gave me two important guidelines. The first was always look at the craftsmanship of the painting. If an old master painting is not well drawn, it is not likely to be a good painting. And then he said don't pay too much attention to expertises. A really good painting does not need an expertise and a bad painting is not improved by one. Look first of all at the quality.



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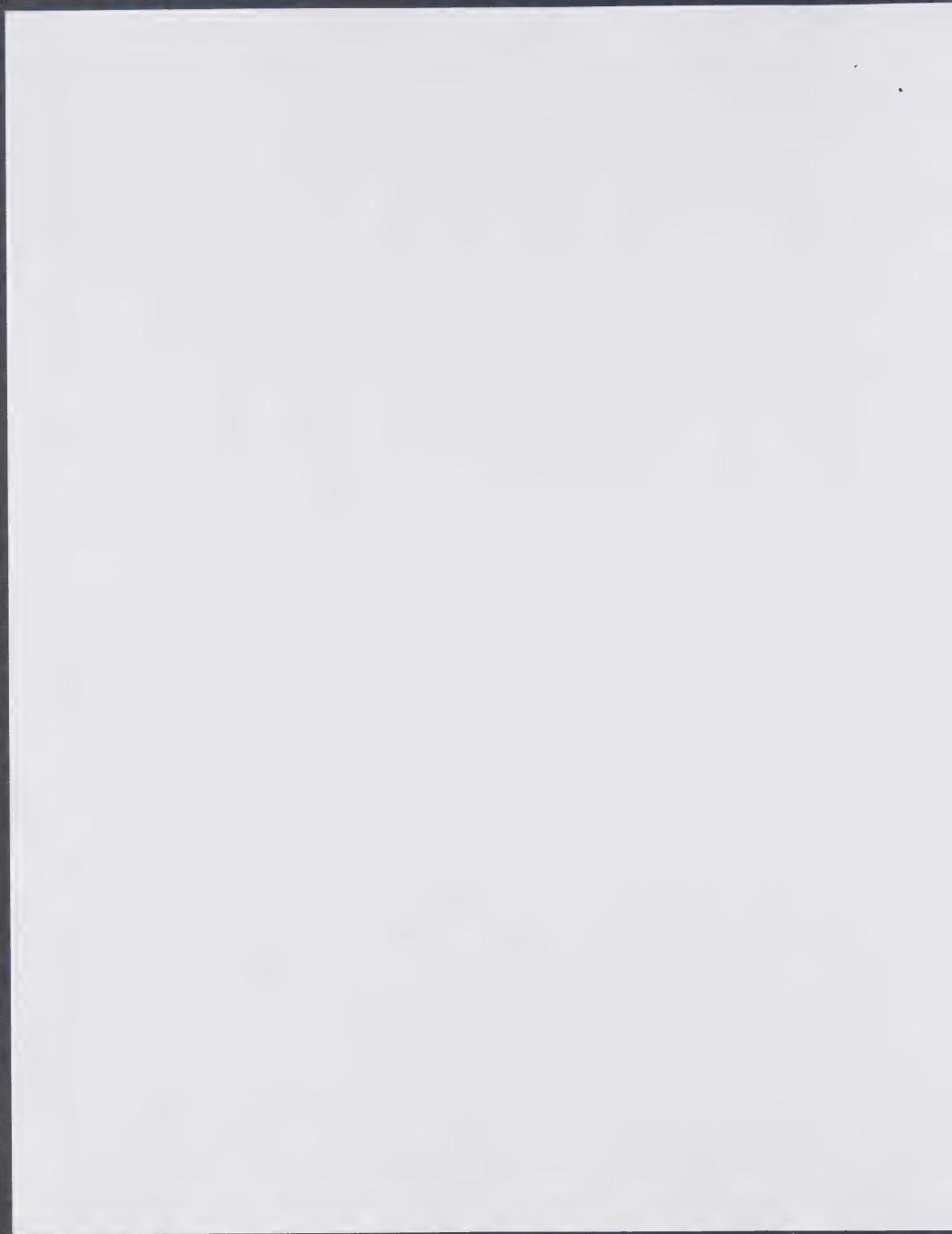
I've often remembered this because now I am offered an average of one or two so-called Rembrandts every month with expertises by all kinds of so-called experts, but almost always the paintings are not by Rembrandt.

Thank you also for that most interesting book *Redefining Health Care* by Porter and Teisberg. I wonder how many politicians of either party have read this.

With fond regards from house to house,

*Alfred*

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Dr. Wolfgang Schulz

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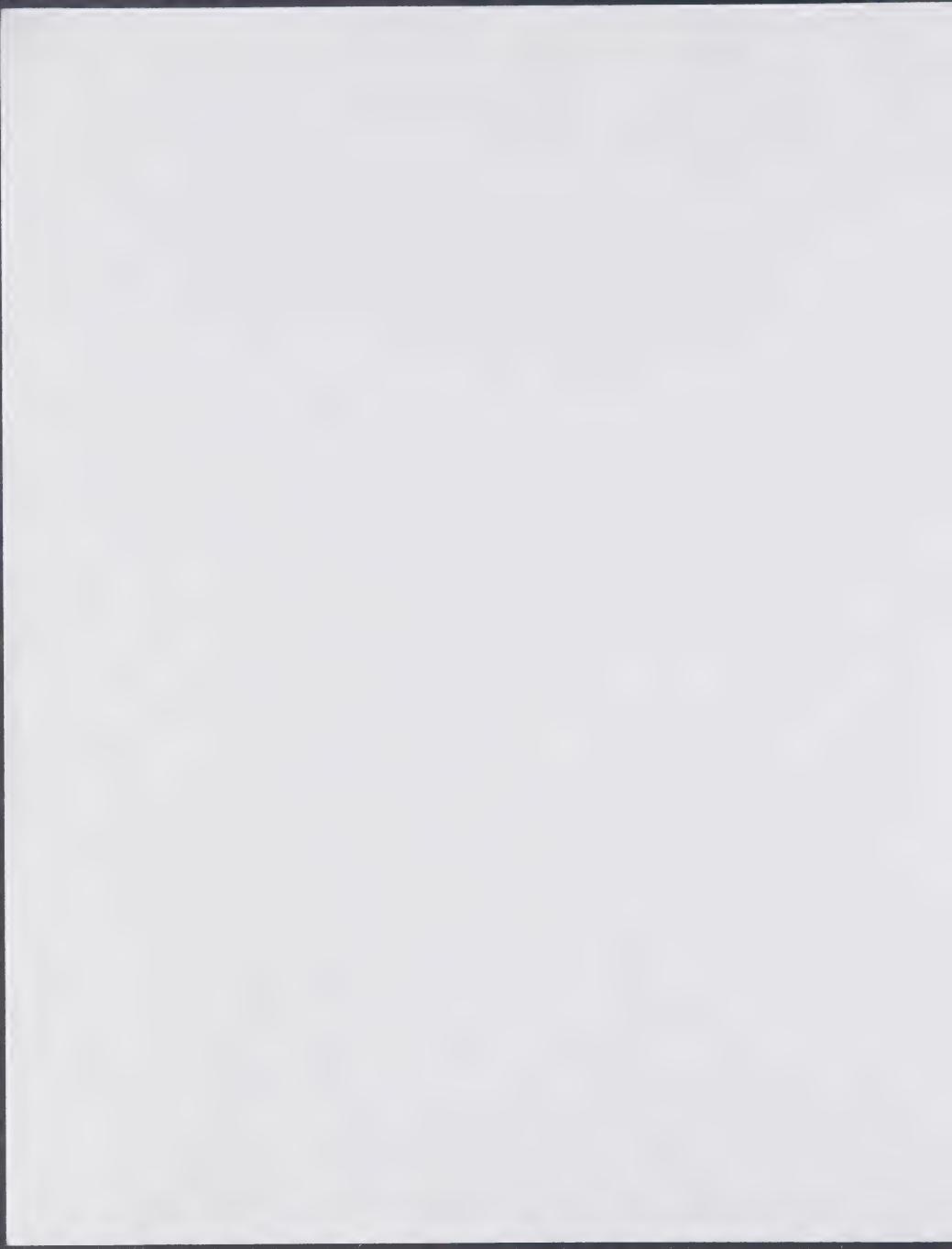
Das in Privatbesitz befindliche Gemälde (Holz 60 x 82 cm) zeigt eine "Flusslandschaft bei Mondschein" mit zwei Fischern in einem Kahn im Vordergrund Mitte, im Hintergrund halb rechts eine Windmühle. Beurteilt nach guten fotografischen Farbaufnahmen, handelt es sich um eine eigenhändige Arbeit des niederländischer Landschaftsmalers und bedeutenden Landschaftszeichners Anthonie van Borssom (Amsterdam 1631-1677 Amsterdam).

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 1:07 PM  
**To:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts  
**Subject:** Van Borssom: excellent

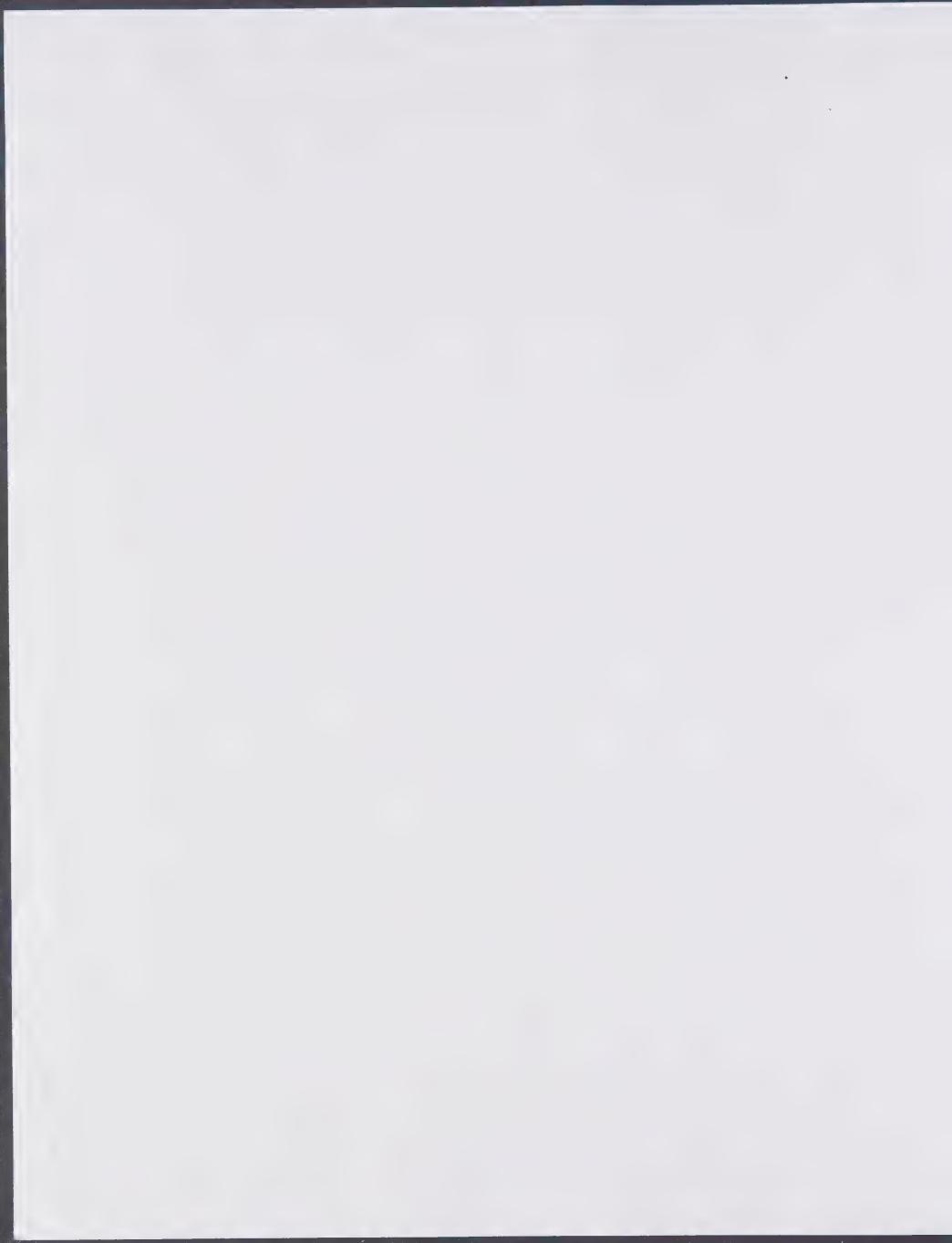
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Please let me know what I need to do to bid on this for you.

Bon voyage to you and Isabel,  
David

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 05, 2008 11:30 AM  
**To:** 'Alfred Bader Fine Arts'  
**Subject:** Van Borssom condition

Dear Alfred,

I received the fax from Fischer concerning the condition of the Van Borssom, and it is very positive indeed. This painting looks like an excellent candidate for the collection.

A review of the Art Sales Index revealed prices ranging up to \$42,000 for his paintings, and \$95,000 for his drawings (I perceive the chequebook of George Abrams behind that price for a drawing), for sales up to 2002. I would think that \$50,000 or even higher would still be reasonable for this painting.

With all best wishes, from us both,  
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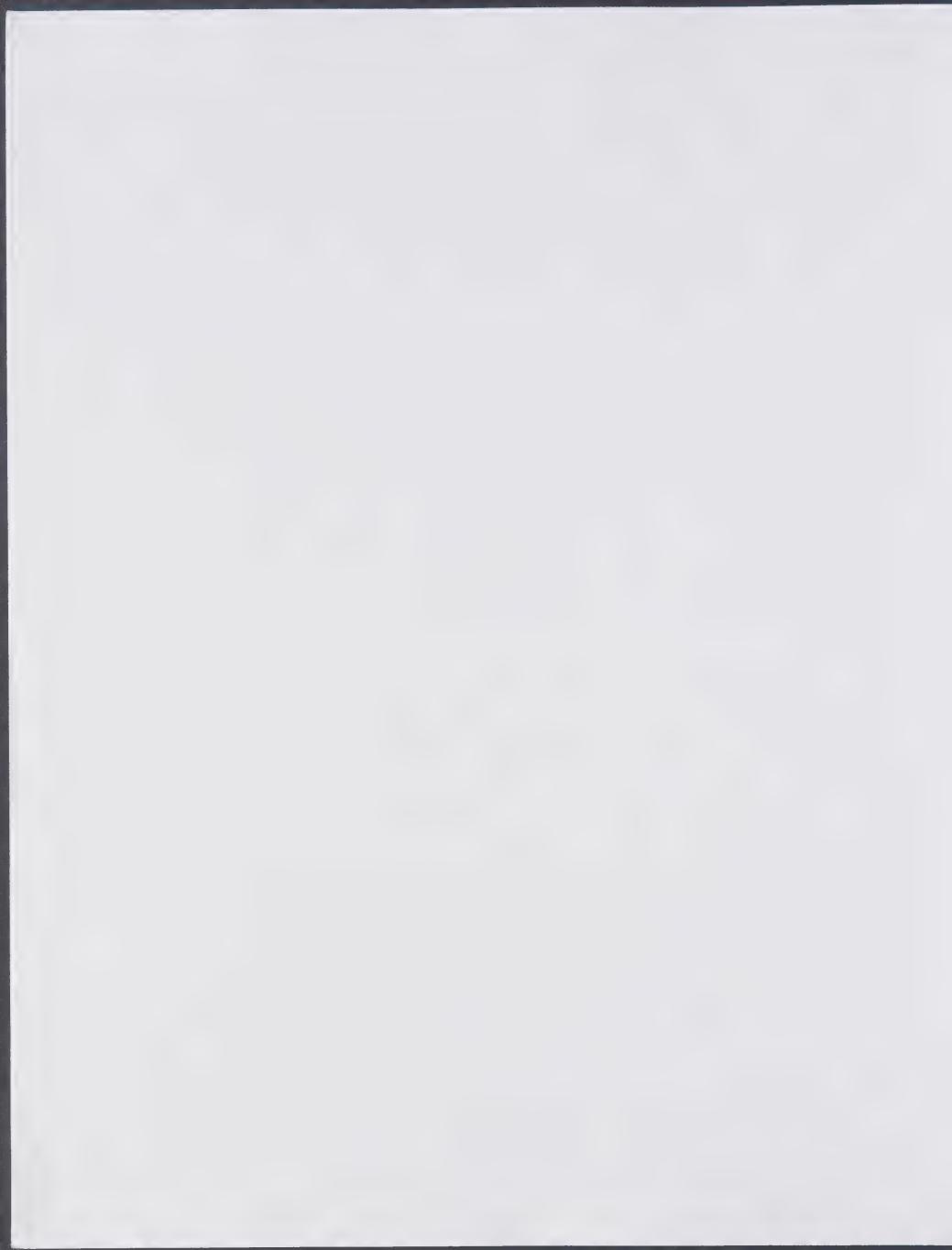


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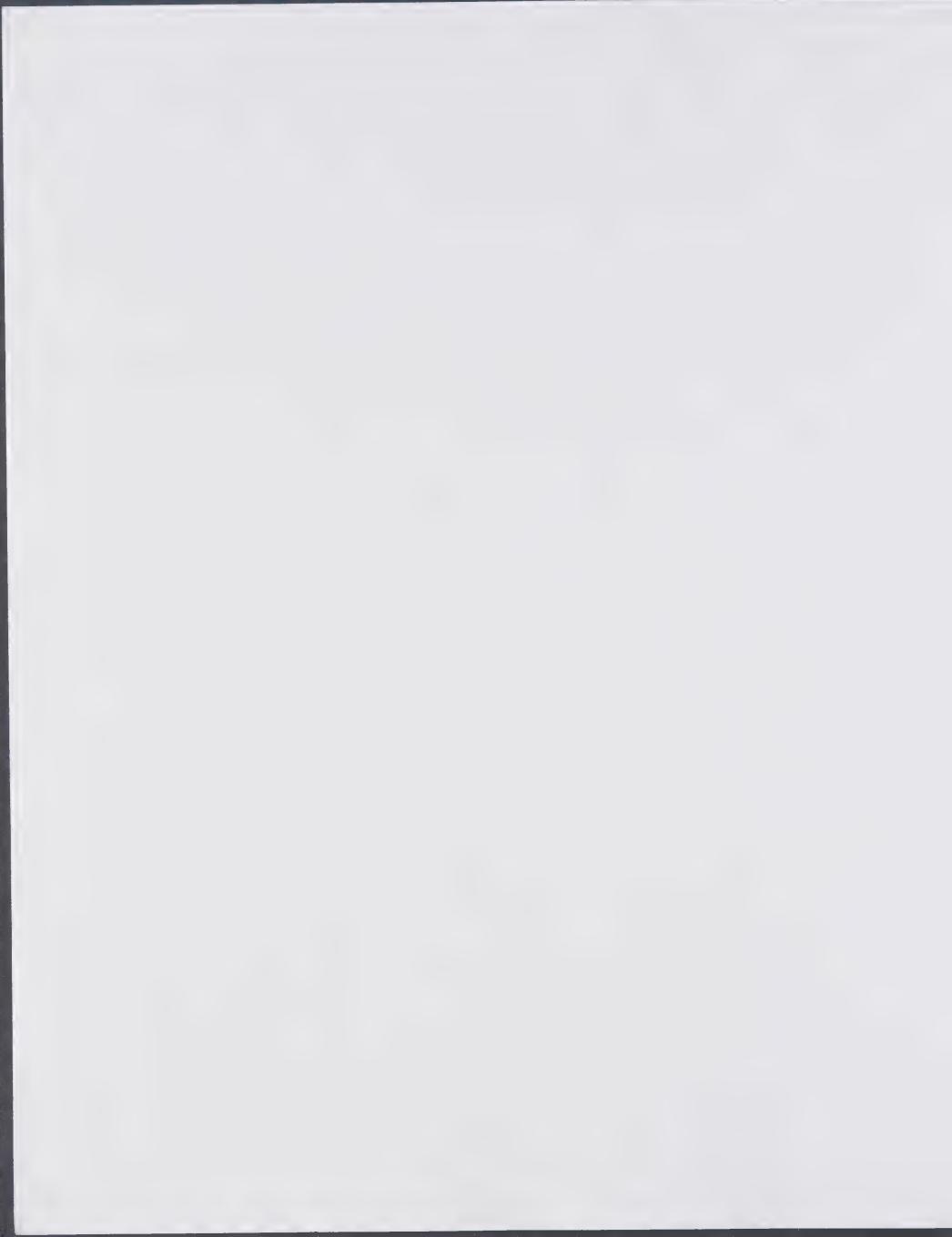


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As a painter, van Borssom was both in his subjects and in his style a very varied artist who was often inspired by his Amsterdam contemporaries and colleagues and who produced at times remarkably similar works. Thus, for instance, beside his own ideas he was inspired by Philips Koninck, Otto Marseus von Schrieck, Melchior d'Hondecoeter, Paulus Potter and others. Van Borssom worked very similarly to the works of the more important Aert van der Neer (Amsterdam 1604-1677 in Amsterdam) and painted many moonlight landscapes in his style.

One of the most interesting of these is the painting here discussed. It shows his own very careful composition with many fine details and good perspective and his brilliance through the dramatic depiction of the cloudy sky. There is at the lower left an Aert van der Neer monogram which must have been added later. This painting can count as one of the very finest landscapes by Anthonie van Borssom.



Dz. Wolfgang Schulz

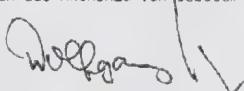
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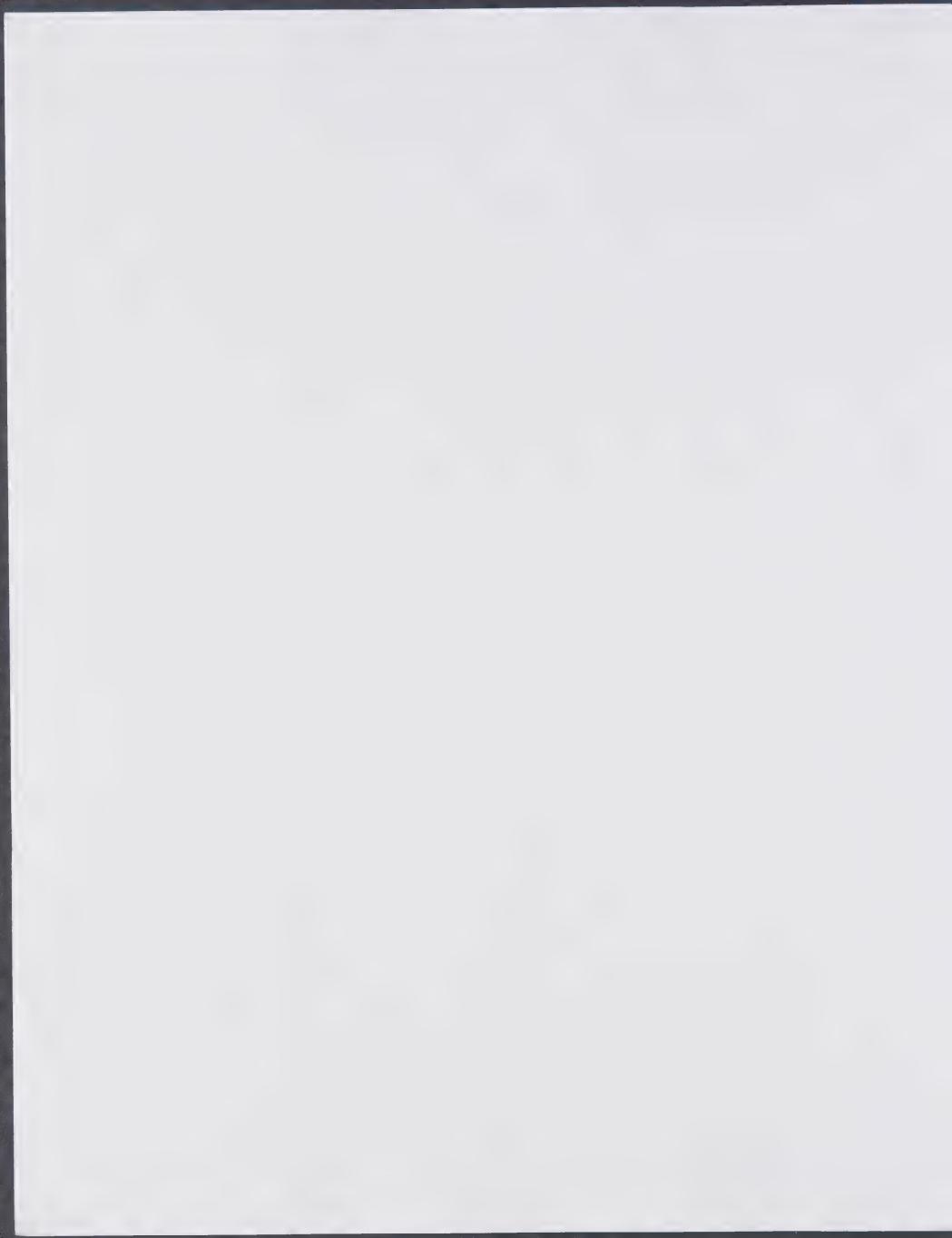
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Als maler war Van Borssom in seinen Themen und stilistisch ein vielseitiger Künstler, der sich vielfach von Werken seiner Amsterdamer Zeitgenossen und Kollegen inspirieren ließ und mitunter täuschend ähnlich in deren Stil produzierte. So wurden - neben eigenständiger Leistungen - Philips Koninck, Otto Marseus van Schrieck, Melchior d' Hondecoeter, Paulus Potter u.a. nachgeahmt. Van Borssom entwickelte sich geradezu zum Doppelgänger des ebenfalls in Amsterdam lebenden, insgesamt bedeutenderen Aert van der Neer (Amsterdam 1604-1677 Amsterdam) und malte zahlreiche "Mondscheinlandschaften" in dessen Stil.

Eines der interessantesten dieser Werke ist das vorliegende Gemälde. Es zeigt eine eigenständige, ausgewogene Komposition mit vielen gelungenen Einzelheiten und guter Perspektive und glänzt durch die dramatische Wiedergabe des Wolkenhimmels. Ein auf dem Gemälde urten links befindliches Aert van der Neer-Monogramm stammt von späterer Hand. Das Gemälde darf zu den vorzüglichsten Leistungen des Anthonie van Borssom gezählt werden.

Berlin, 20.9.2008





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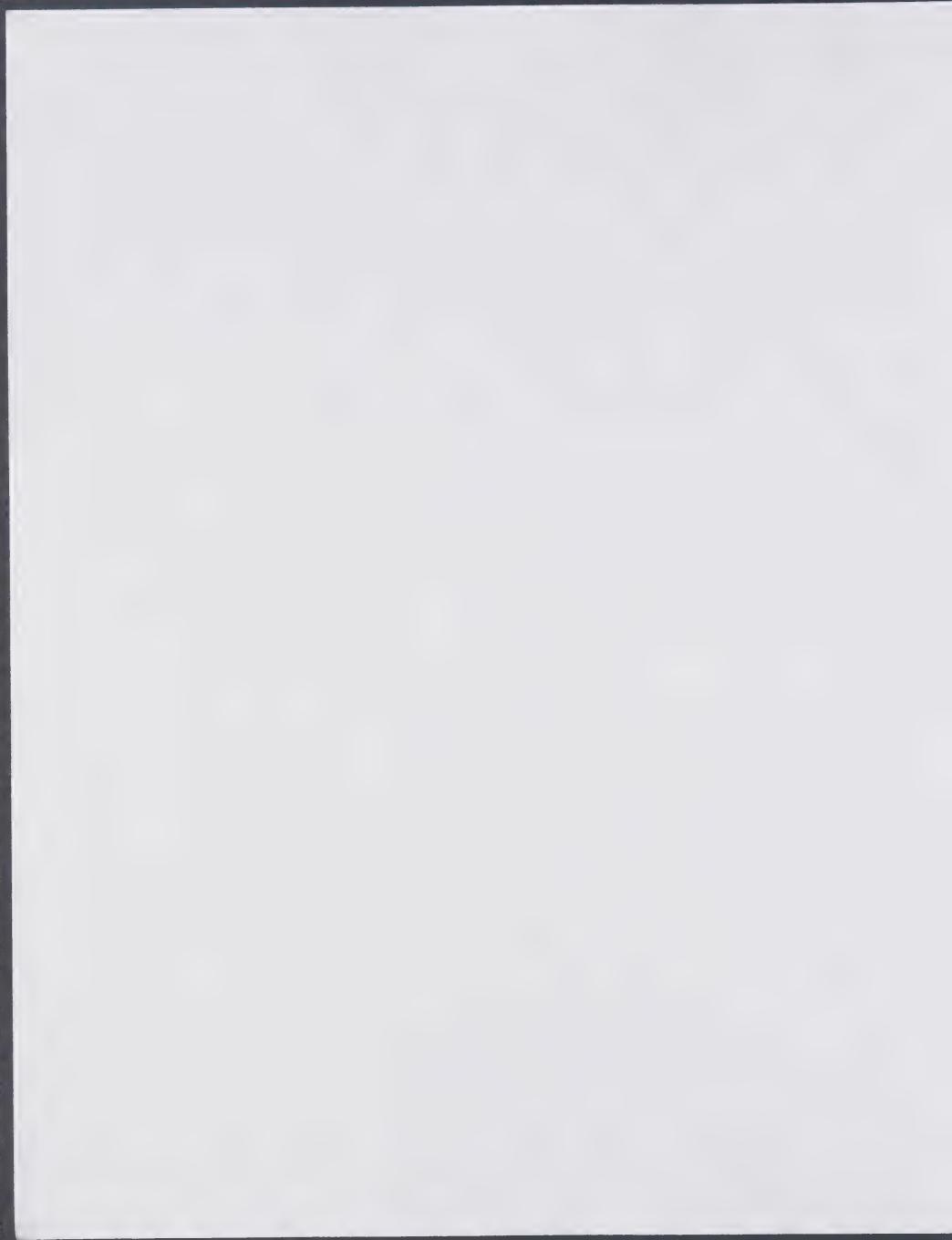
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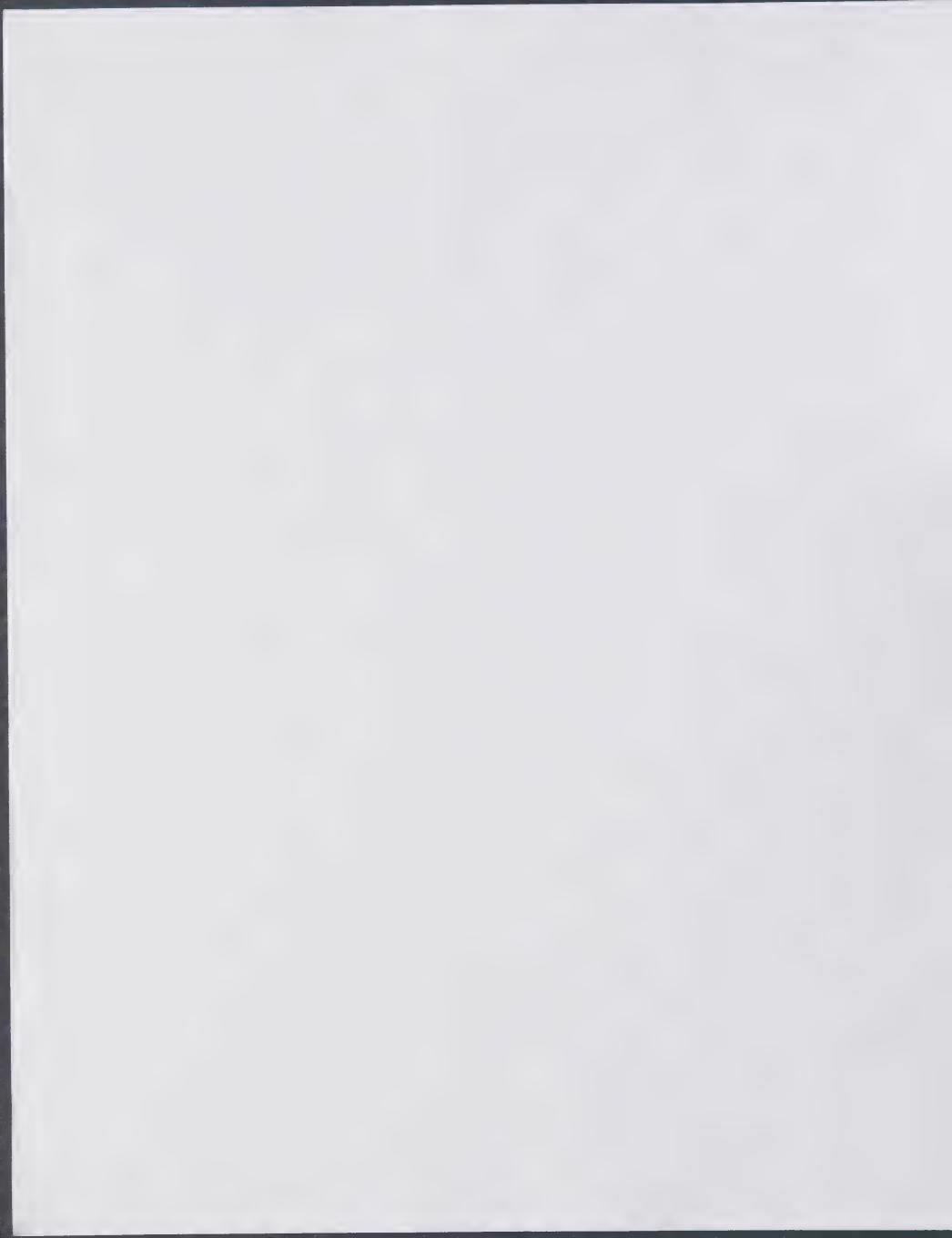
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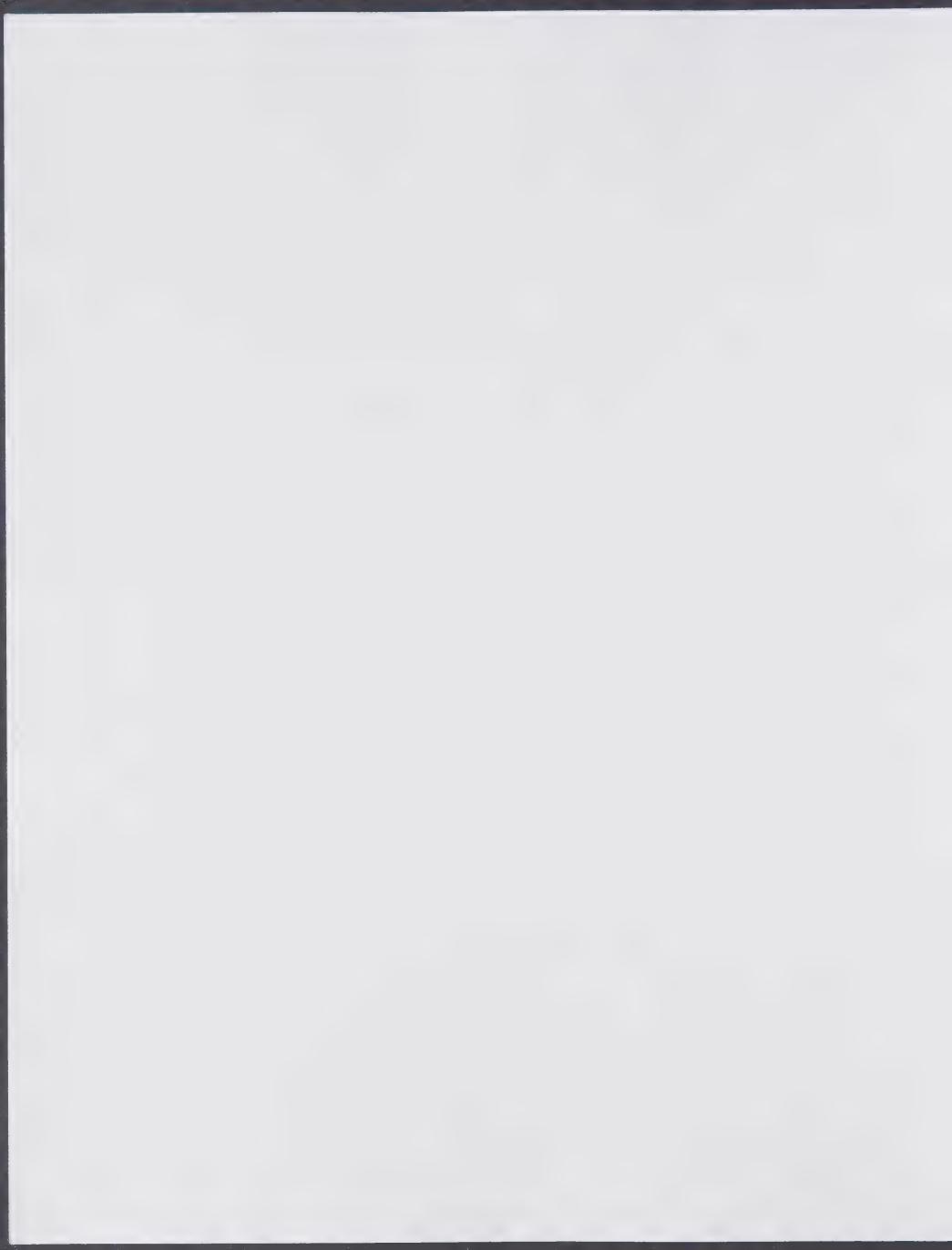
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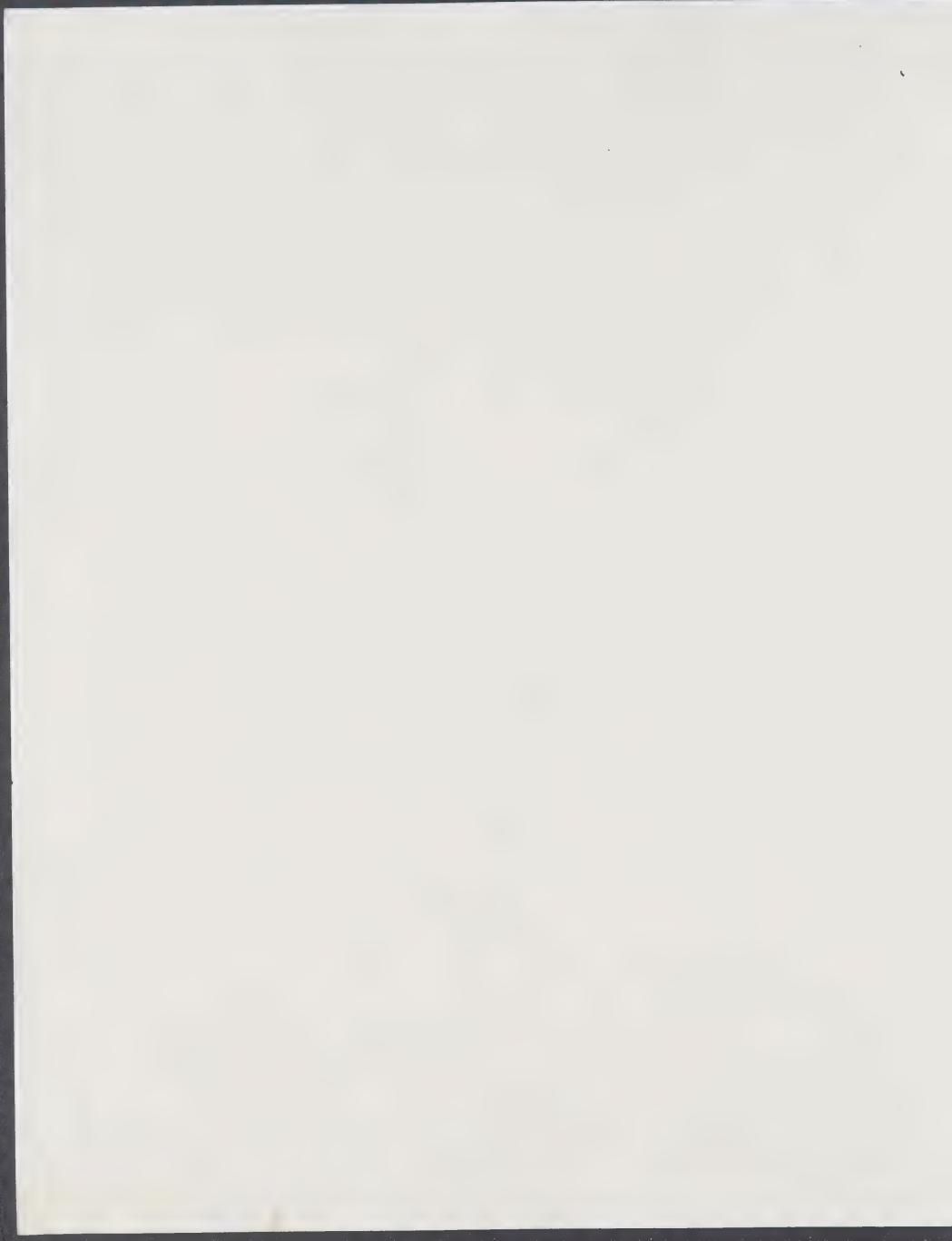
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Ann: Surprisingly I cannot fax this to  
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Lucerne, 30th. December 2008

Dear Dr. Bader

Thank you for your letter of December 29, 2008. Please, excuse that we did not send you the letter by Dr. Wolfgang Schulz immediately as promised.

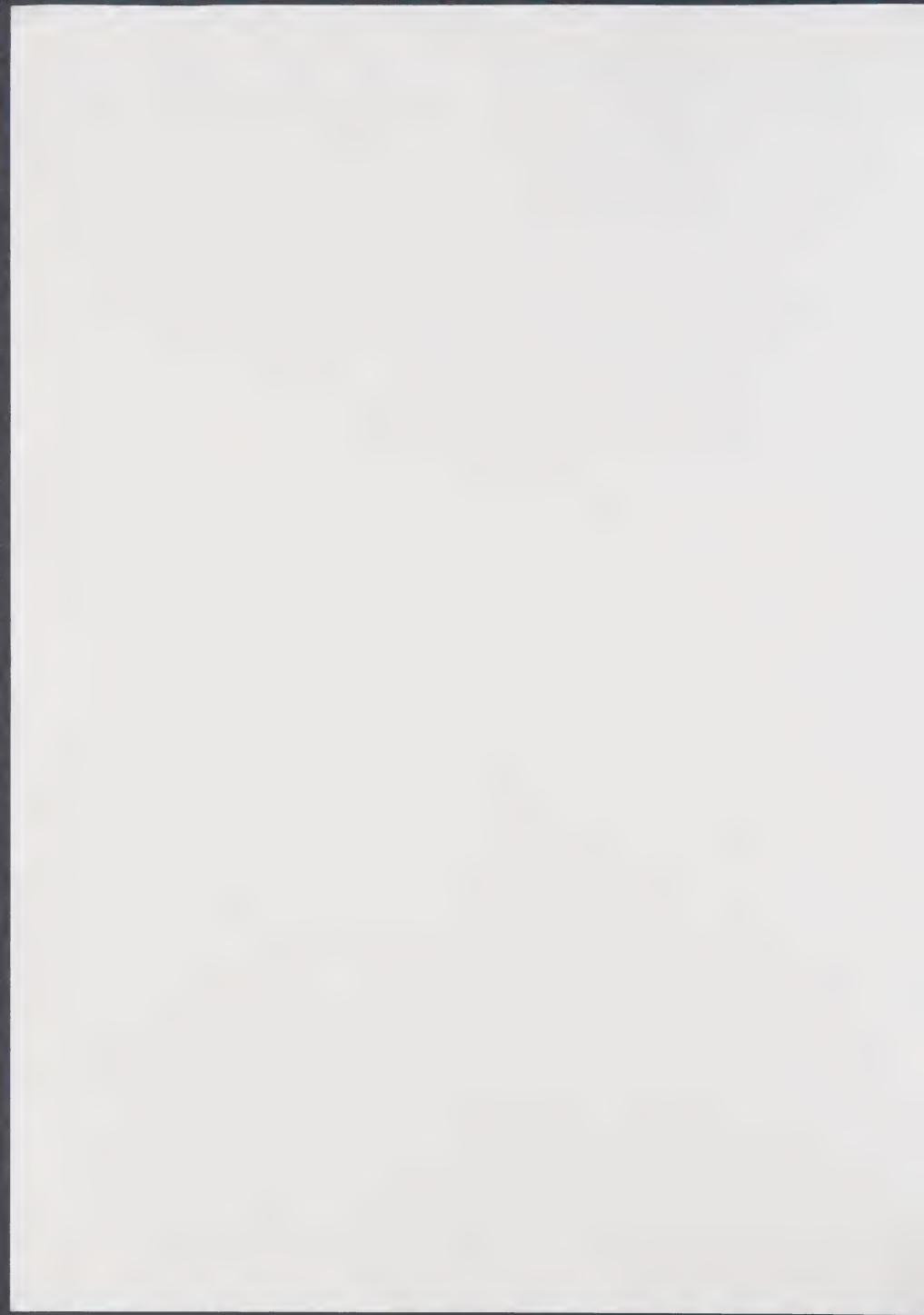
We sent you today by Fax the letter and included to this letter the original. Please, excuse us for the delay.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



GALERIE FISCHER AUCTIONEN AG



February 23, 2010

Mr. & Mrs. Brian Nahey  
5661 N. Hwy. 83  
Hartland, WI 53029

Dear Nancy and Brian,

I am sorry that I haven't been in touch with you for a little while but I spent a week at Columbia Hospital and now am only working part time.

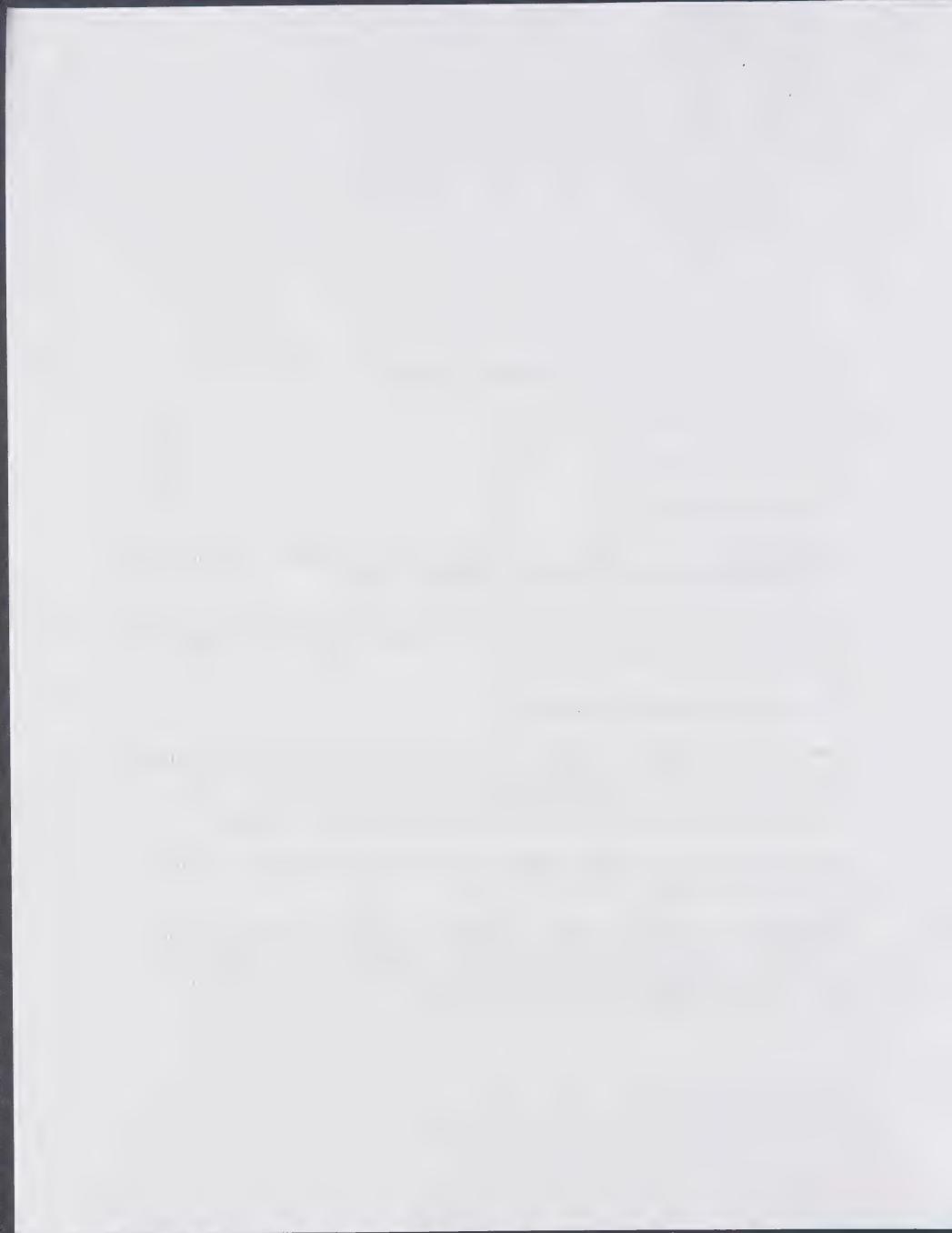
While in the hospital, Dr. David de Witt, the Bader Curator at Queen's University, visited me and told me that never before had he seen so many really good new acquisitions at Alfred Bader Fine Arts.

Let me discuss some of these with you.

One of these is a *Study of a Man* which you told me you liked from the photograph. Surprisingly, the Sotheby's catalog called it 'German 19<sup>th</sup> century' when it is undoubtedly a fine 17<sup>th</sup> century Haarlem work very close to Jan de Bray. David de Witt studied it very carefully and confirms this. Photograph is enclosed.

A second is a very nice Dordrecht School landscape of about 1660 close to Aelbert Cuyp, again photograph is enclosed.

Also I recently acquired a very beautiful *Head of an Old Man* by Pierre Alexandre Wille (Paris 1748-1821), photograph enclosed. David de Witt told me that this is so good that I should consider giving it to the museum at Queen's, but then I have been giving them mainly Dutch and Flemish paintings and not French ones.



Mr. & Mrs. Brian Nahey  
February 23, 2010  
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This painting has an interesting history: Early in the last century it was in the famous Sedelmayer Gallery in Paris where it was attributed to Fragonard. If Fragonard, it would be worth a few hundred thousand dollars. Then it was owned by a well-known gallery in New York, Spencer A. Samuels & Company, who attributed it to Jean-Baptiste Greuze.

Actually, however, it is by Greuze's student, Wille, and I have a number of his sketches clearly relating to this beautiful painting.

→ Lastly, and perhaps to you most importantly, is that very beautiful *Moonlight Lakescape* which I acquired some time ago at the Auktionshaus Fischer in Lucerne, Switzerland. Reproduction of the Fischer entry is enclosed.

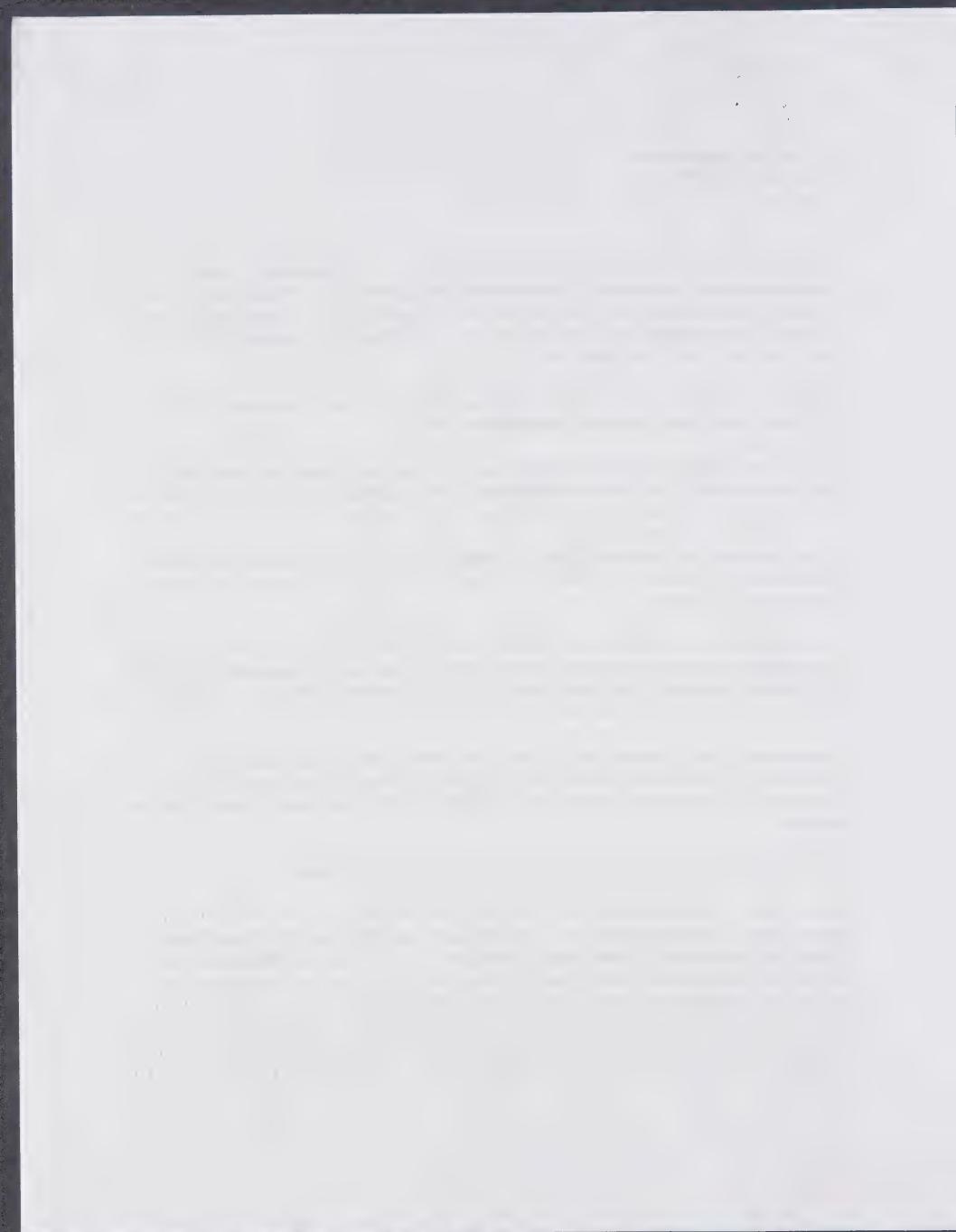
With this comes an expertise by the well-known expert, Dr. Wolfgang Schulz in Berlin, who attributes it to Anthonie van Borssom. Copy of this expertise and my translation is enclosed.

Such moonlight scenes were very popular in Holland right into the 19<sup>th</sup> century and what makes this landscape particularly interesting is that it was painted on top of a 16<sup>th</sup> century painting of the Holy Family as clearly shown by the x-ray I have had taken, and which I will show you.

I purchased this for myself and not for Alfred Bader Fine Arts but, sadly, this painting is larger than I realized and I don't know where to hang it at home. If you really love it I would be happy to sell it to you at my cost and there would be no tax involved.

I do hope that you will visit me before long to look at all of these.

Brian: I was so happy when I saw that you called me your mentor. Allow me to tell you a little bit about the first mentor that I ever had. That was Professor Ulrich Middeldorf described in some detail in Chapter 21 of my first autobiography. I met Professor Middeldorf in Chicago in the early 50s and he gave me two important guidelines. The first was always look at the draftsmanship of the painting. If an old master painting is not well drawn, it is not likely to be a good painting. And then he said don't pay too much attention to expertises. A really good painting does not need an expertise and a bad painting is not improved by one. Look first of all at the quality.



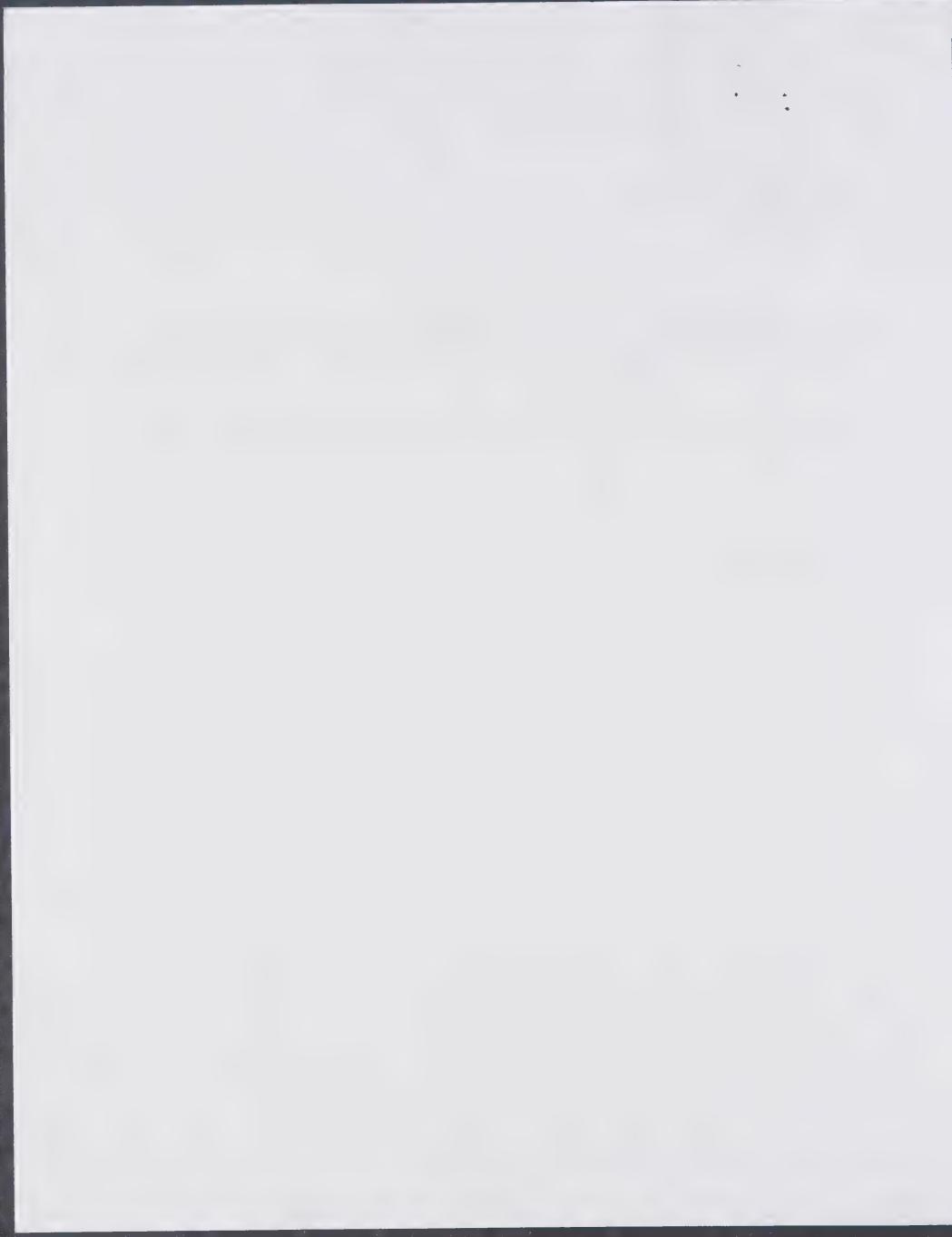
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I've often remembered this because now I am offered an average of one or two so-called Rembrandts every month with expertises by all kinds of so-called experts, but almost always the paintings are not by Rembrandt.

Thank you also for that most interesting book *Redefining Health Care* by Porter and Teisberg. I wonder how many politicians of either party have read this.

With fond regards from house to house,

Alfred Bader  
AB/az  
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**Alfred Bader Fine Arts**

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To: Guido Schacher  
Subject: Reimbursement

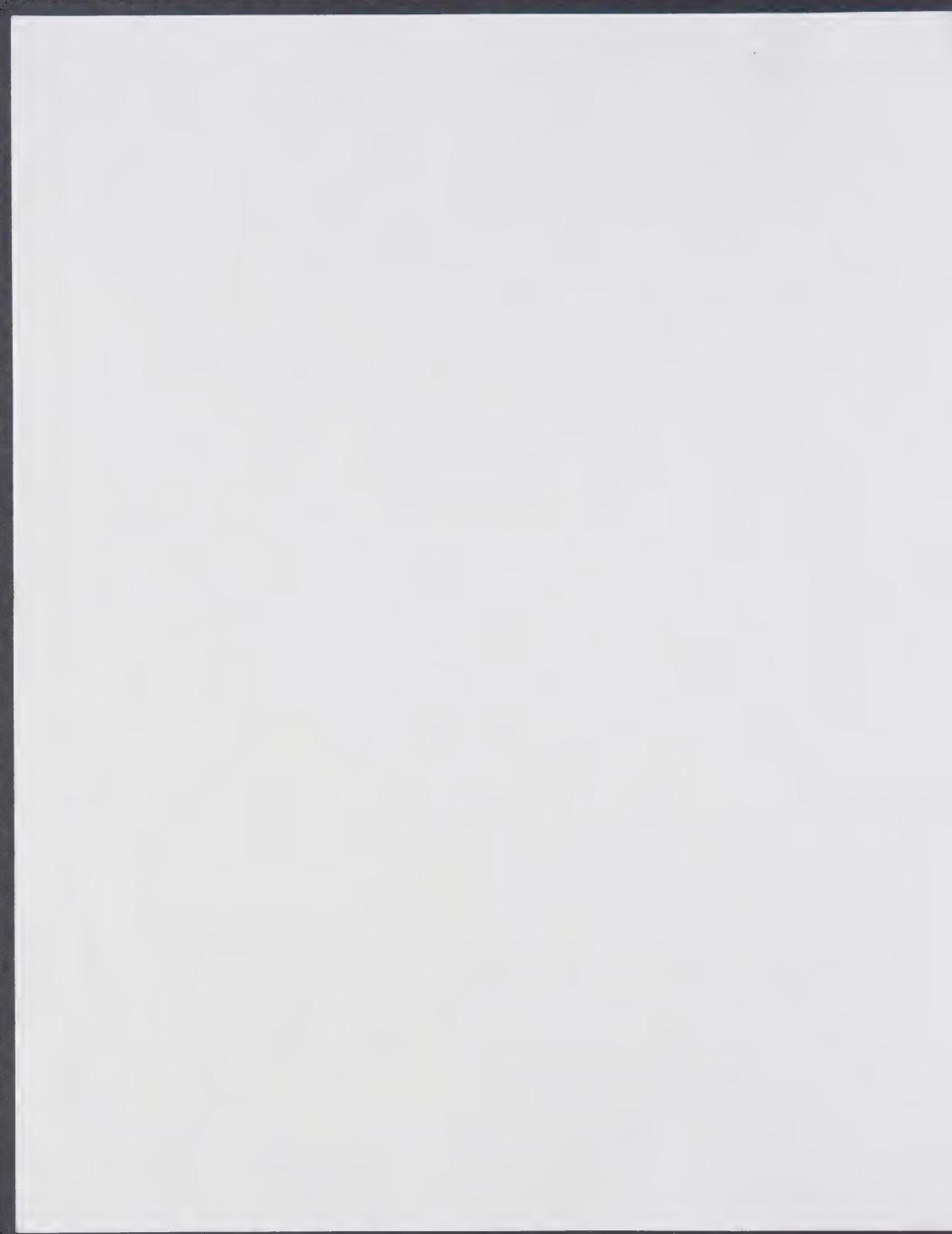
Dear Mr. Schacher,

I am puzzled still not to have received reimbursement from your insurance company for the \$900 US which I spent to repair the damage on the van Borssom painting.

When can I receive payment?

With many thanks for your help I remain

Yours sincerely,  
Alfred Bader



## Alfred Bader Fine Arts

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**From:** Guido Schacher [guido.schacher@gabriel.ch]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2009 8:16 AM  
**To:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts  
**Cc:** rene.sennhauser@allianz-suisse.ch  
**Subject:** AW: Damage to van Borssom painting

Dear Mr. Bader,

I pass your message fruther to insurance company Allianz Suisse.  
I think i will not be a problem with the reimbursement of the damage costs  
As long as the amount will not be higher than USD 900.00.  
We are thankful to receive the according invoices just after finished reparation.

Many thanks and best regards.

PS: für Hr. Sennhauser, Allianz, zu Ihrer Info:

Dies betrifft unsere Schadenmeldung vom 18.12. resp. Kostenmeldung vom 23.12.  
Schaden, Bader Fine Arts, Milwaukee (Vers. Anmeldung vom 04.12.08).  
Leider haben wir keine Referenz von Ihnen erhalten, die wir angeben können).

Guido Schacher  
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**Von:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts [mailto:[baderfa@execpc.com](mailto:baderfa@execpc.com)]  
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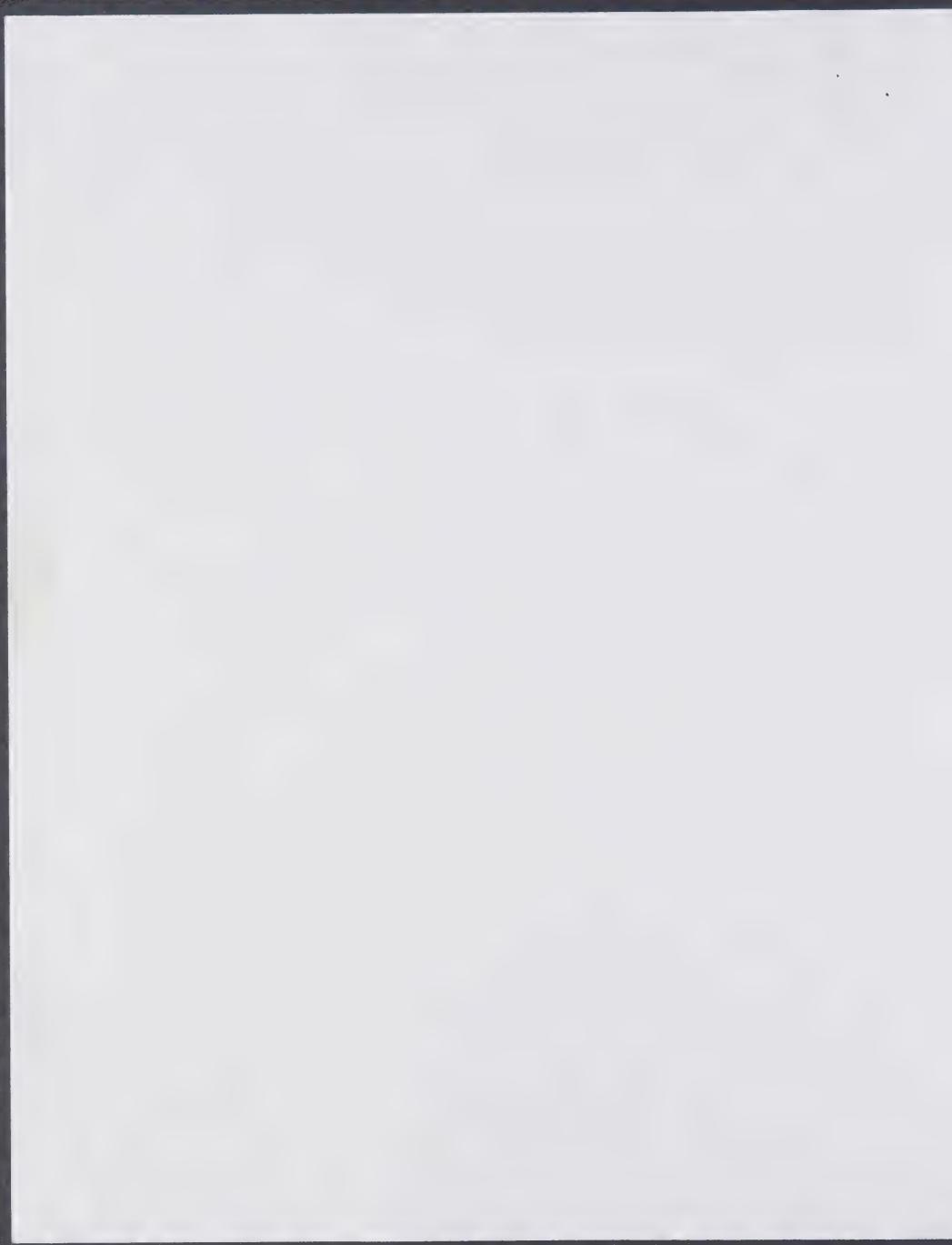
Dear Mr. Schacher,

You will recall that I wrote to you about the damage to the painting, lot 1095 which I bought from Fischer in November.

I then submitted to you photographs and the estimate for the cost of restoration sent to me by my conservator in Minneapolis, Mr. Jim Horns, estimating the cost at \$900.

We have had a very cold winter and I have been reluctant to ship the painting from Milwaukee to Minneapolis, worrying that the damage might actually get worse in the second transport.

I work with two very good conservators. The second is a team of Charles Munch and Jane Furchgott working near Madison, Wisconsin. They occasionally come to Milwaukee. I have talked to them and they are willing to pick up the painting and transport it in their car from here to their studio. This will take a little time but of course I am in no great hurry. Also, I do not believe that their cost will be more than that estimated by Jim Horns.



Of course I have talked to Jim Horns who understands completely my reason for not wanting to ship the painting.

When the work is completed, later this year, I will send you the invoice from Charles Munch and Jane Furchgott and trust that the insurance company will reimburse me.

With many thanks for your understanding and help I remain

Yours sincerely,

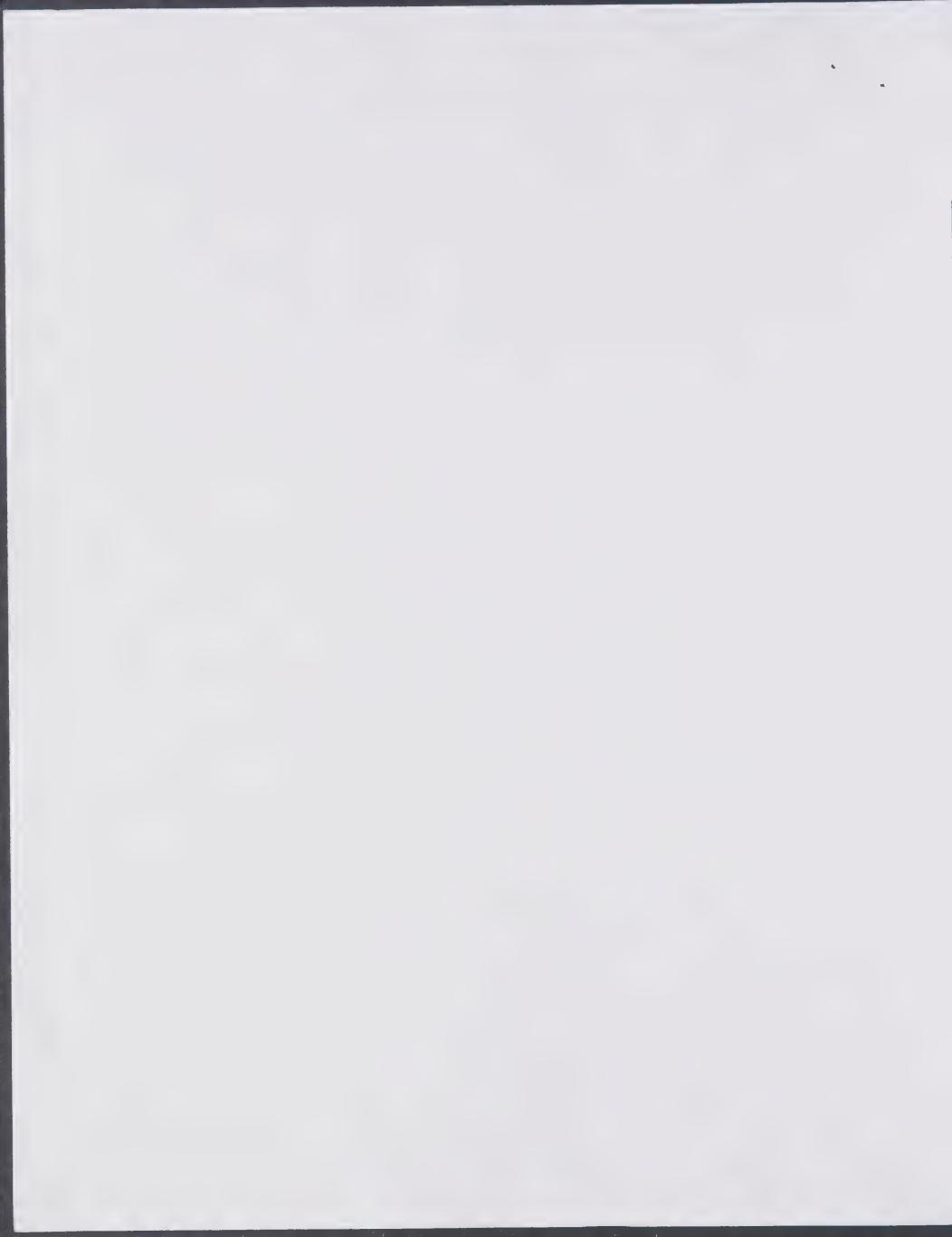
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2nd message, 30/12/2008:

**FAX FROM:**

Just got reply from insure.  
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Please arrange reparation and  
kindly send us afterwards  
according invoice.

Also please indicate accounting  
details (Incl. Swift and Iban)  
for wire transfer of  
reparation costs.

Many thanks and best regards,

December 29, 2008

**TO:** Mr. Guido Schacher  
Gabriel Transport AG

**FAX #:** 011 41 41 624 40 44

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Dear Mr. Schacher,

As you will see from the enclosed, Fedex has denied our claim for damage to the painting. This is not surprising because the package itself does not show any damage but, as you know, the painting was damaged. Hence, please submit our claim to the insurance company which I trust will honor our claim for 8900.

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Yours sincerely,

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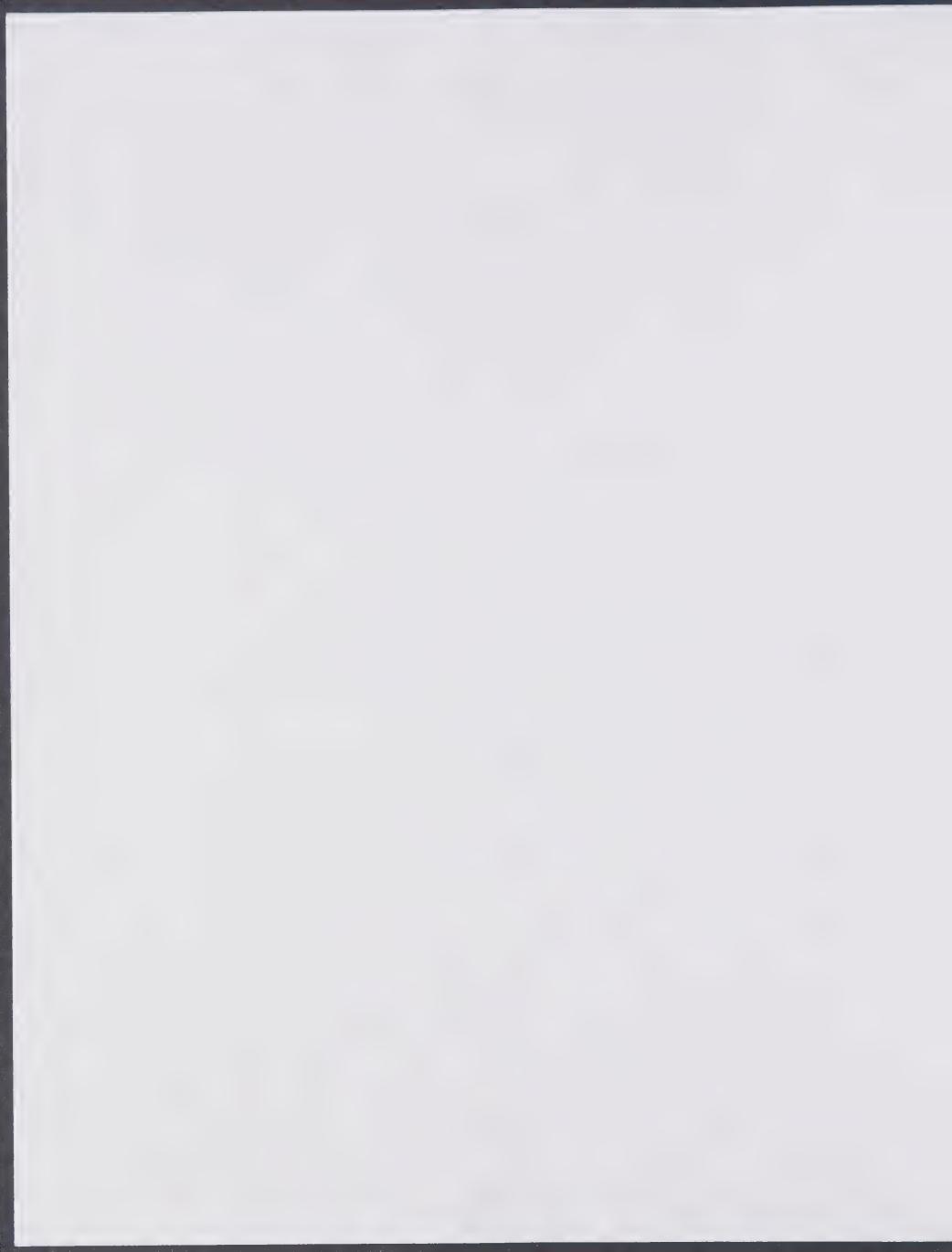
I already passed the cost estimation of USD 900.00 to the insurance company when we received it. I will inform you immediately when we receive information from the insurance

Many thanks and with all our best wishes for the coming year, we remain.

Very best regards

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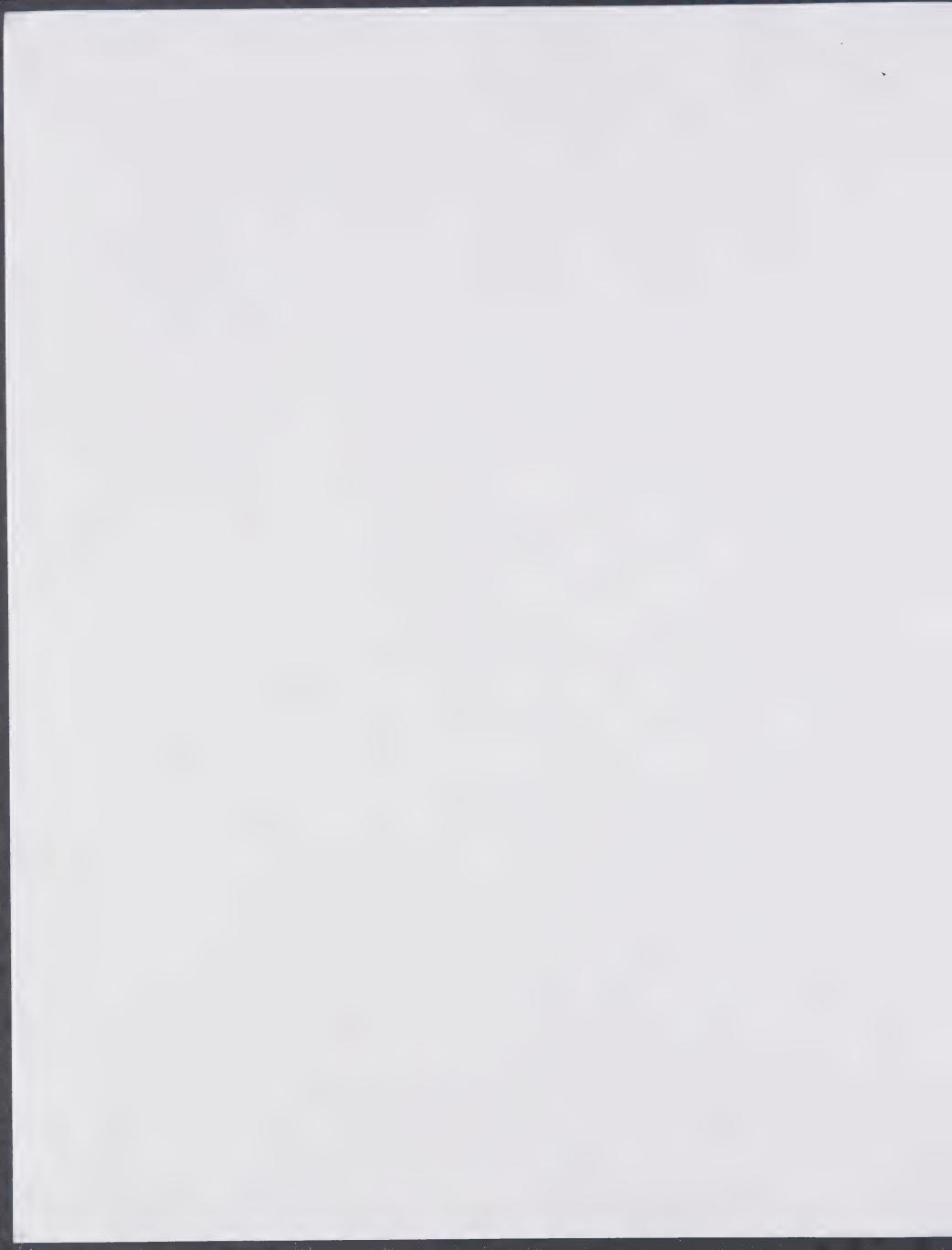
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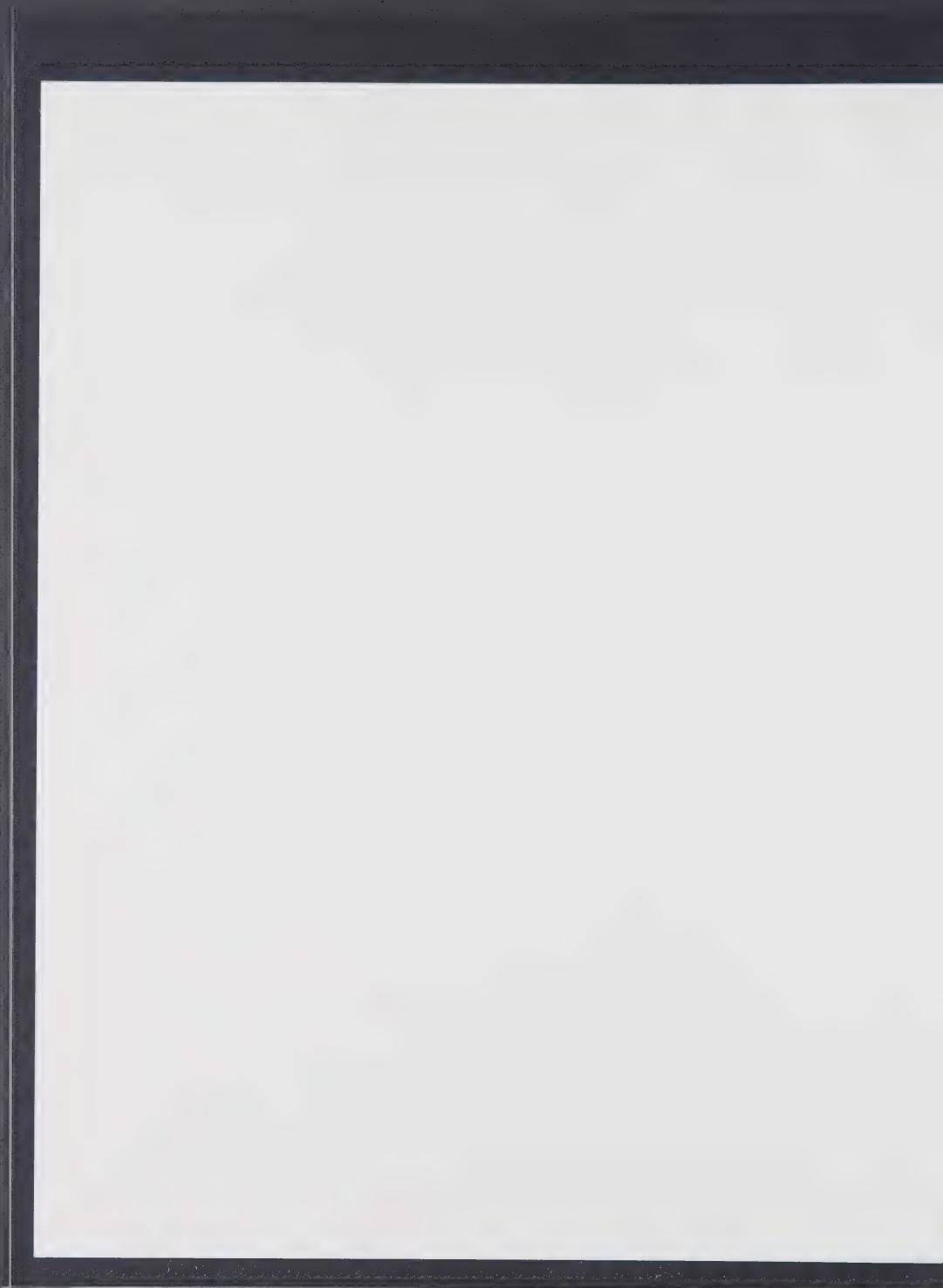
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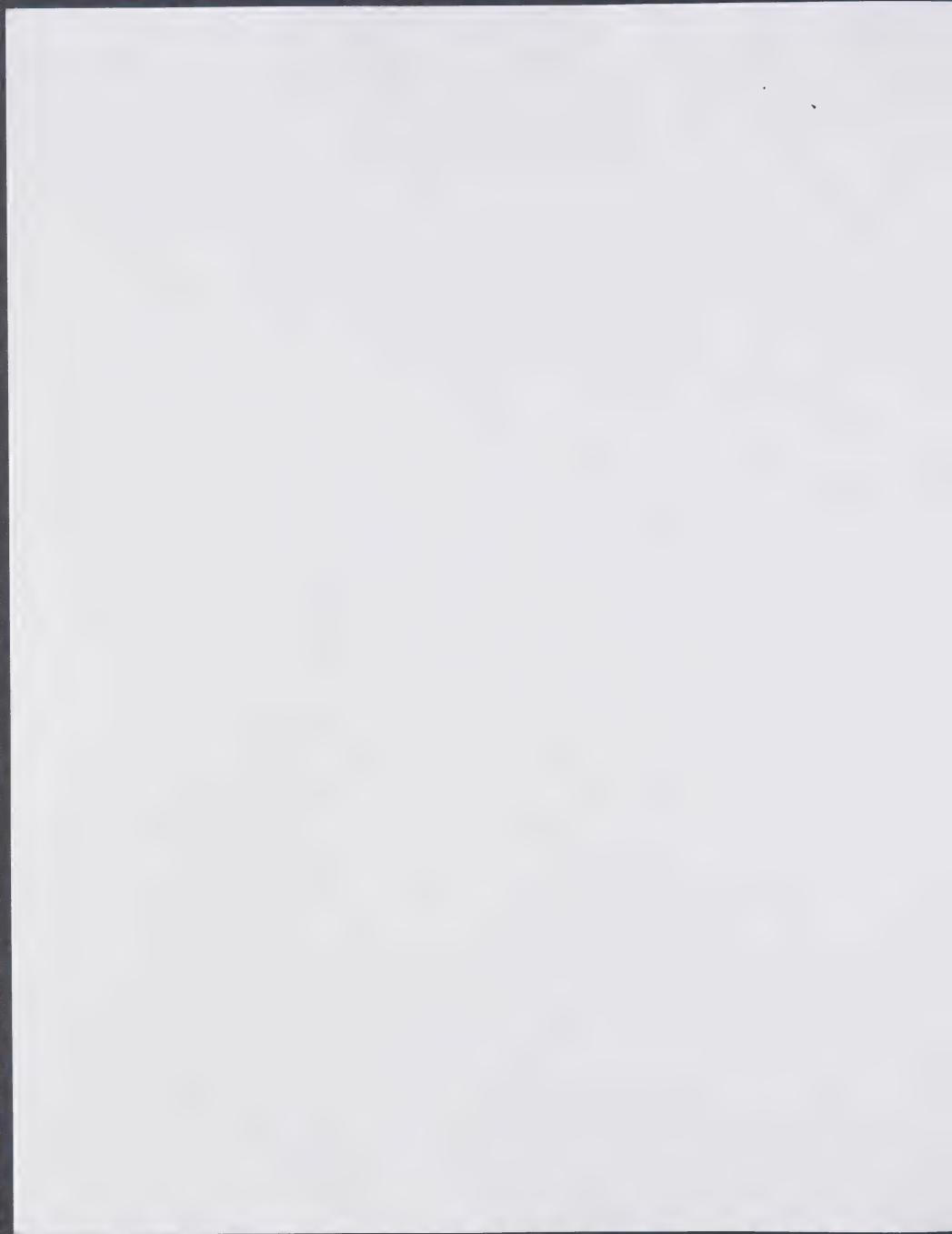
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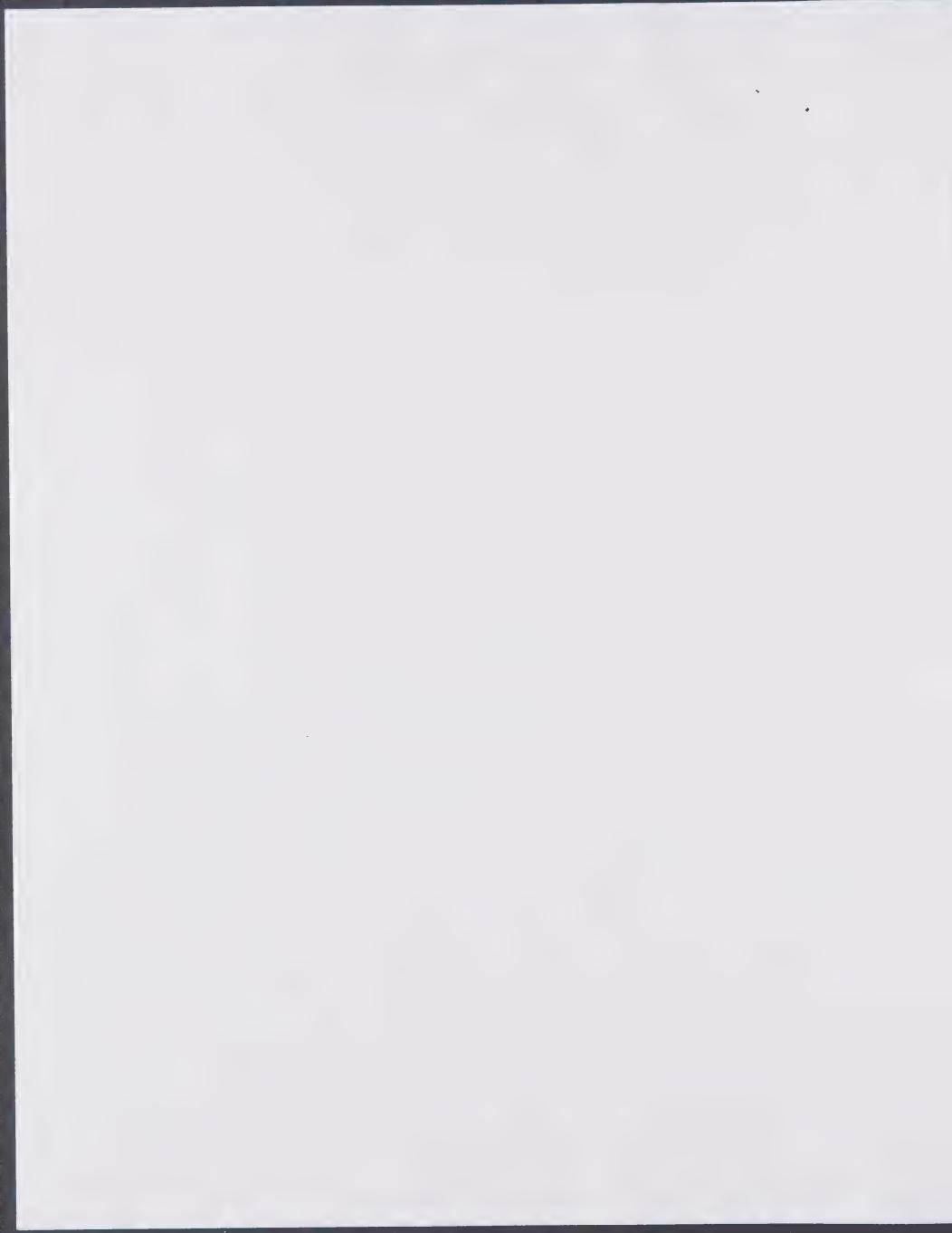
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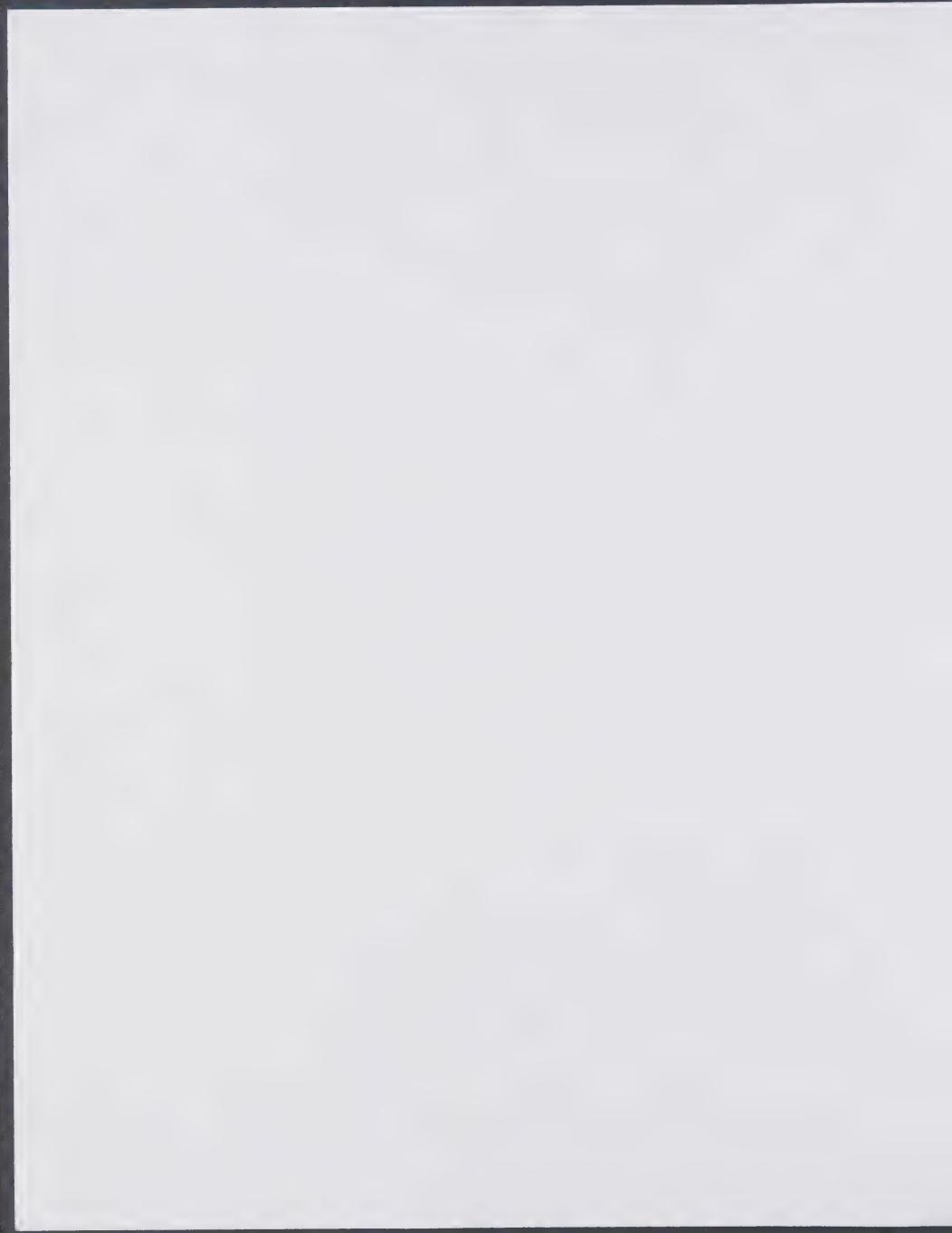
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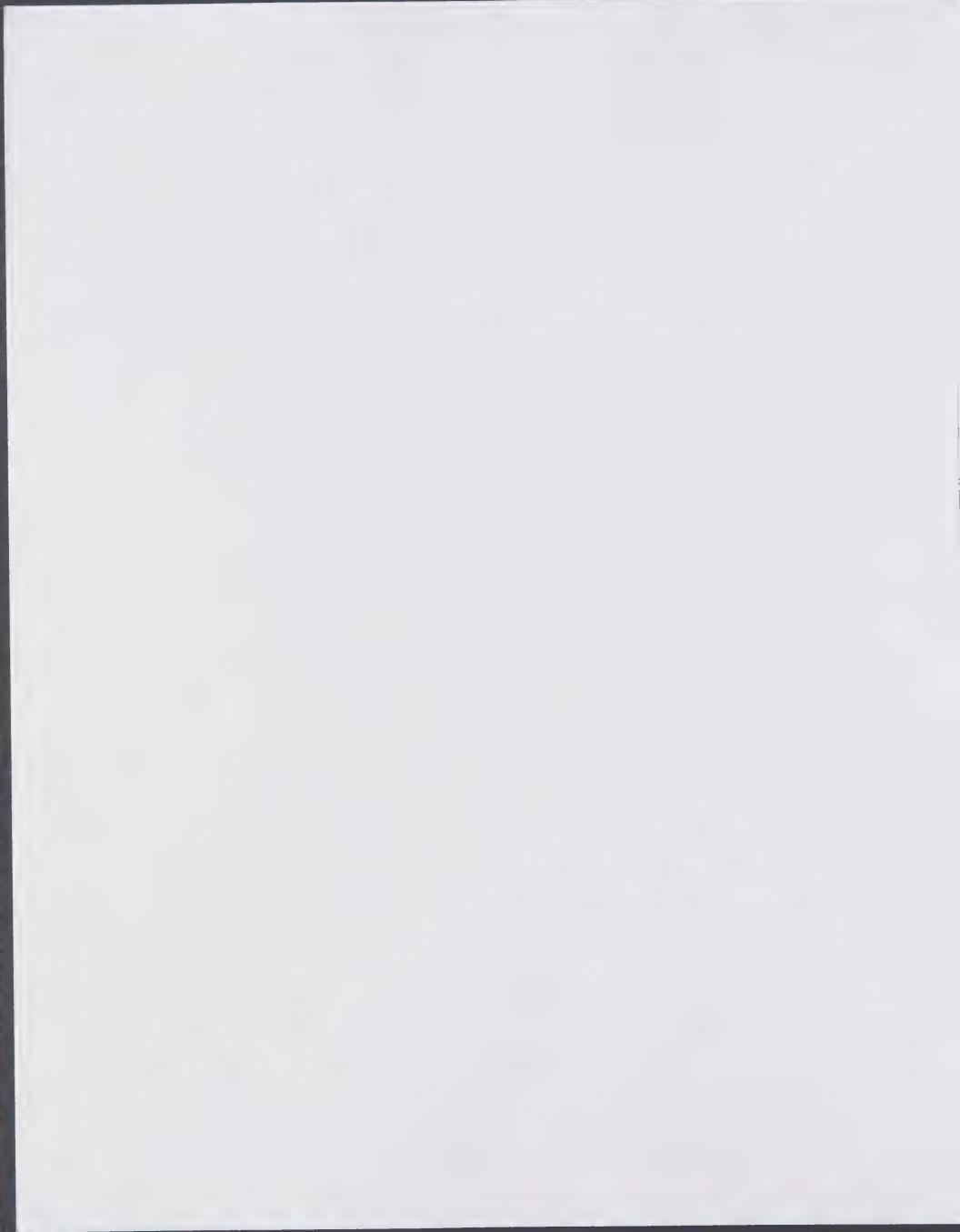
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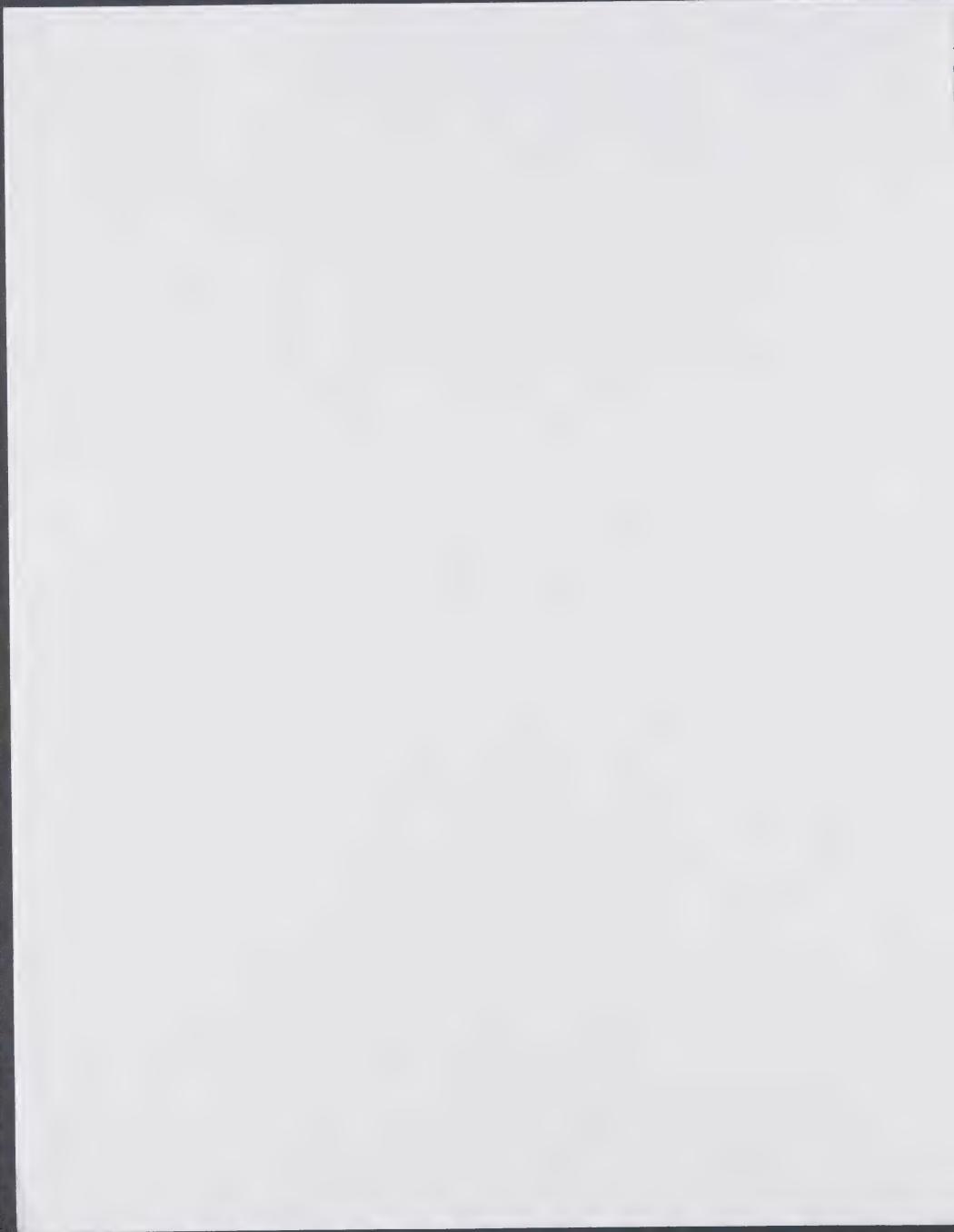
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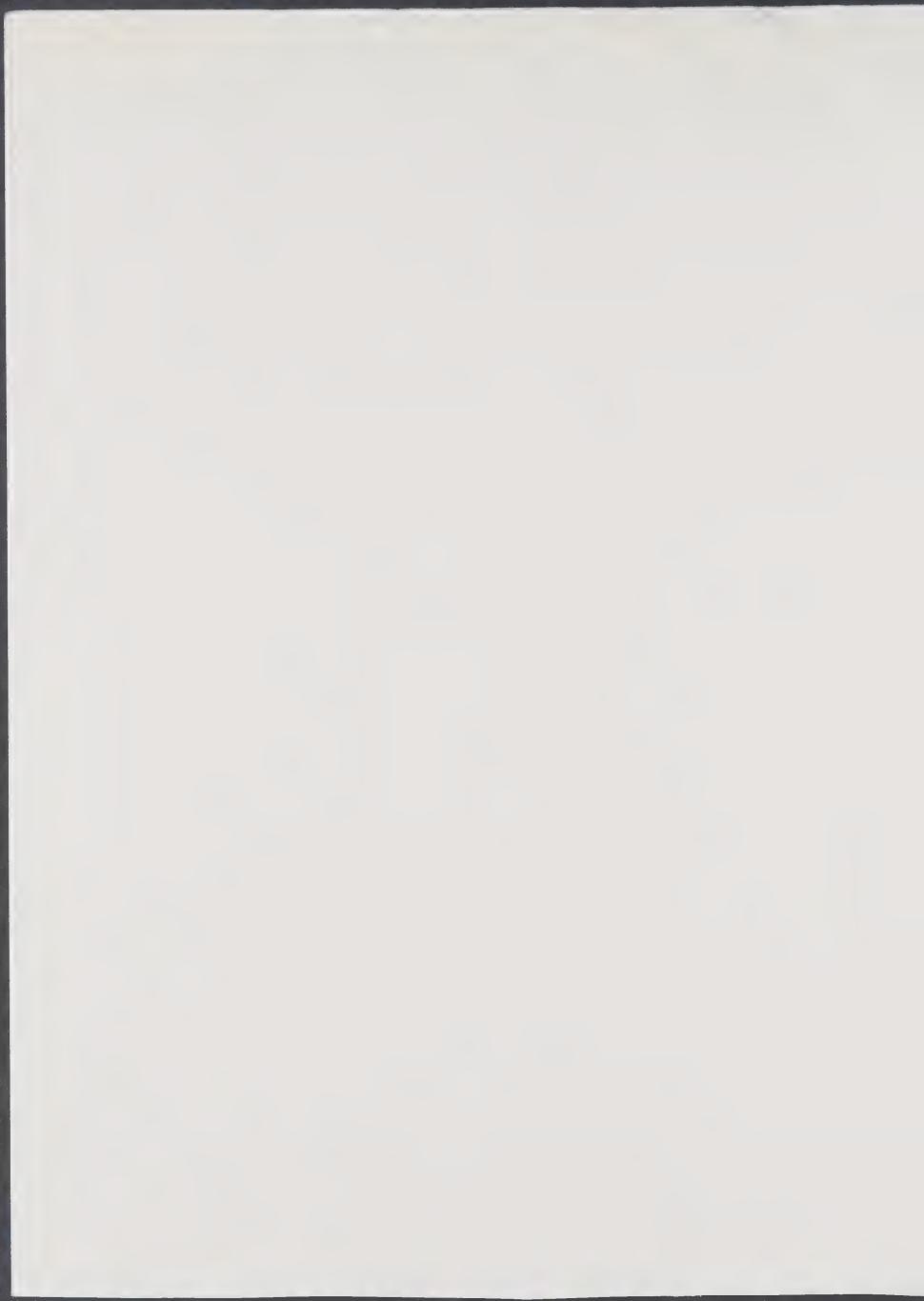
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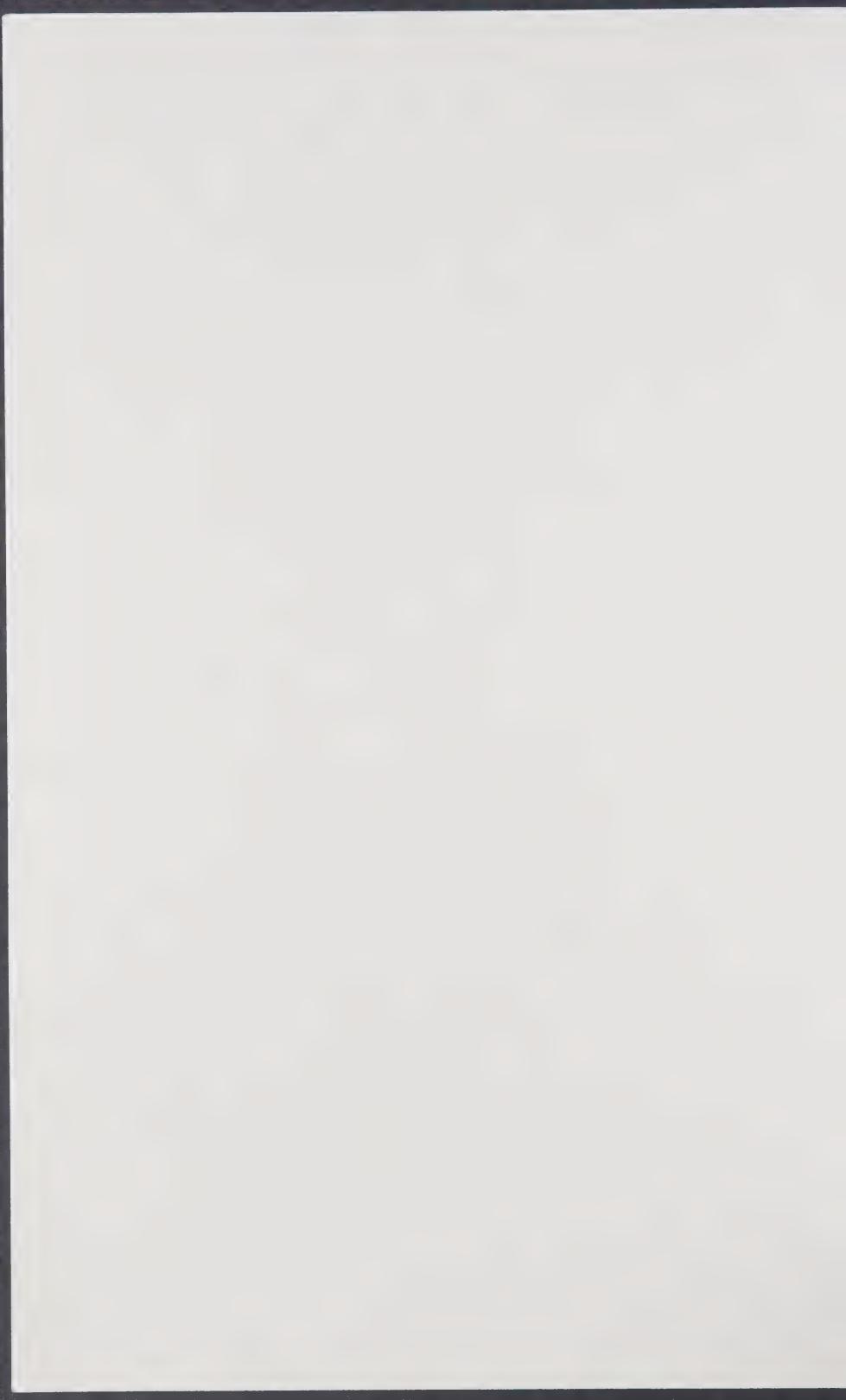
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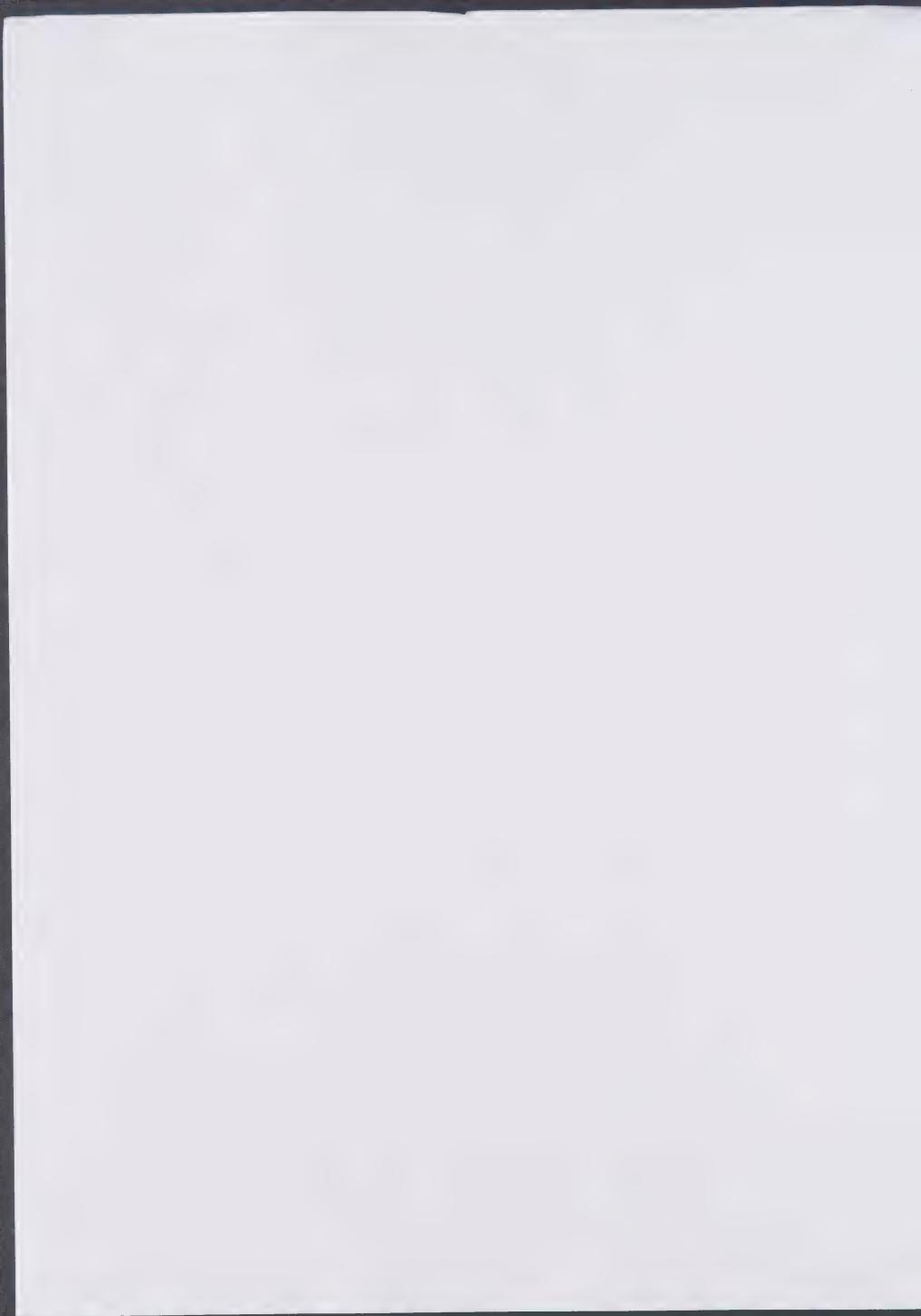
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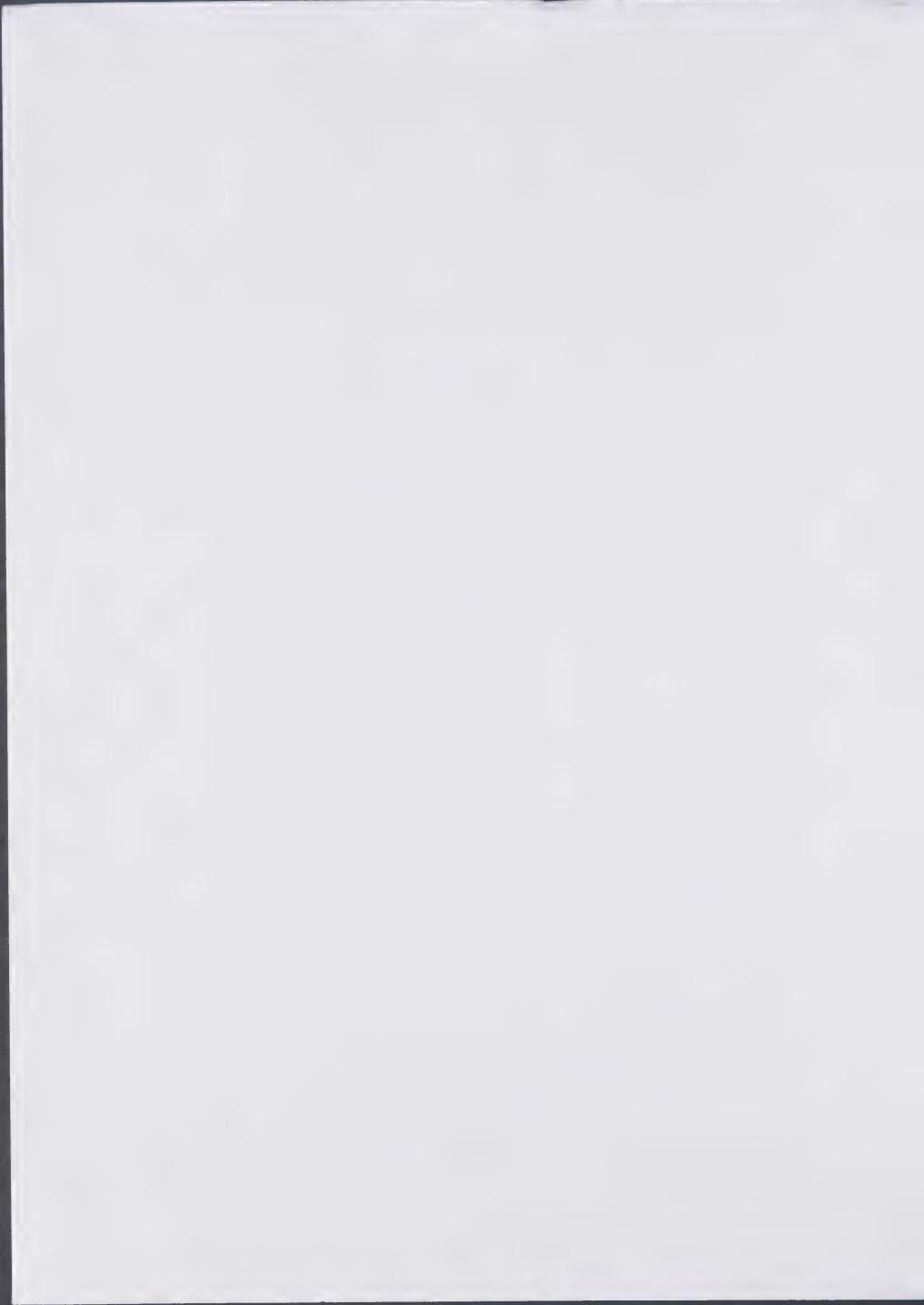
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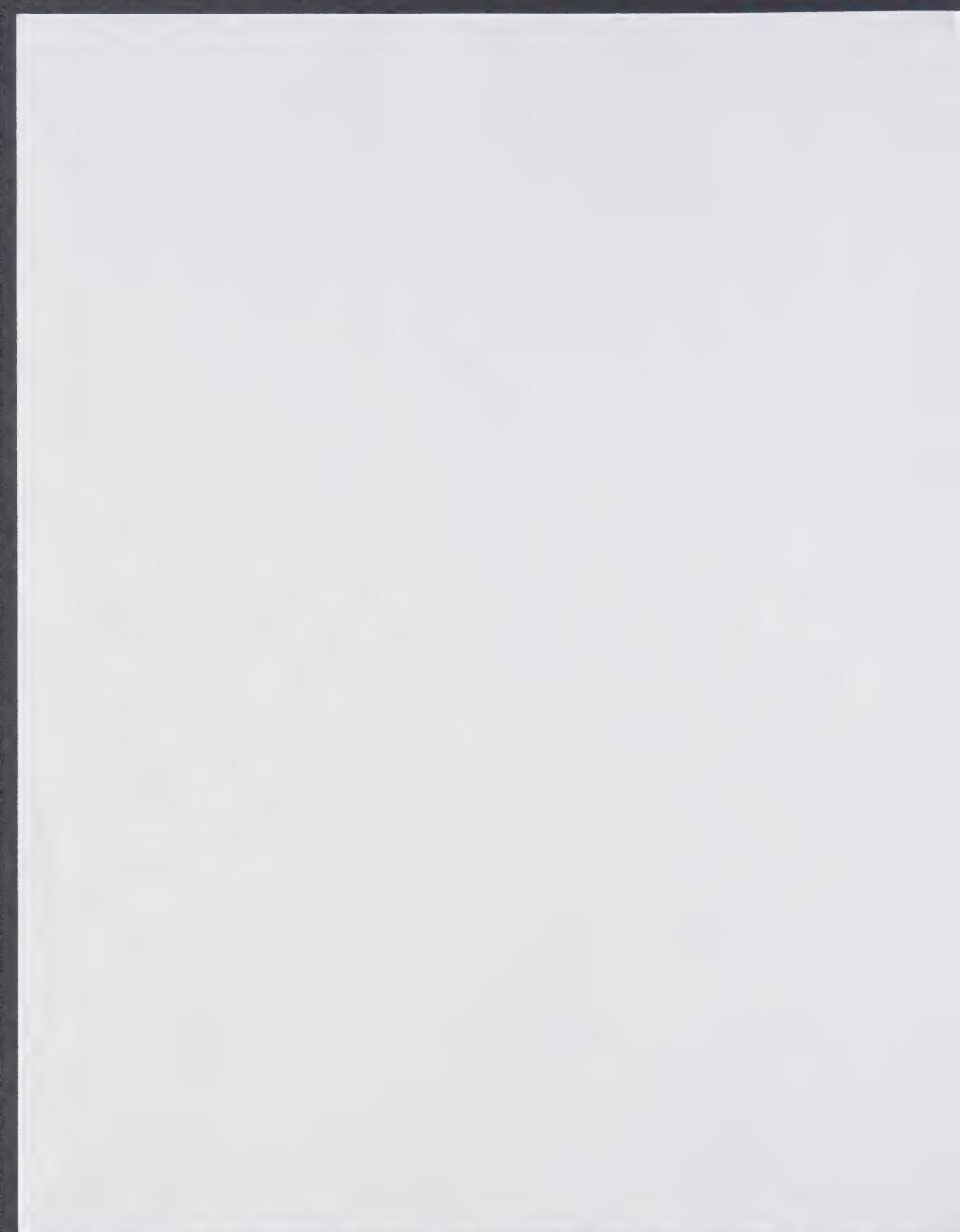
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**Alfred Bader Fine Arts**

**From:** David de Witt [3dad5@queensu.ca]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2012 3:08 PM  
**To:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts  
**Subject:** RE: van Borssom

Dear Alfred,

I am impressed by this piece, a very thoughtful and well-phrased account of the acquisition and study of this problematic painting.

Perhaps we will still be able to find a real Aert van der Neer for the collection! Likely not from Fischer, though.

Just to give it to you in writing: the Blind Belisarius that has stumped us for decades is clearly by the Milanese painter Andrea Lanzani (1641–1712), and the attribution has already received the support of a leading scholar of Milanese art, Jacopo Stoppa, who is very impressed with the painting.

Also, the figures in the Hagar and the Angel from the Spencer collection are very likely by Giovanni Lanfranco (1582–1647), who is a famous late Baroque painter from Parma and active mostly in Rome. They fit with his style of around 1621, and both he and Jan Linsen were in Rome at this time. His own depiction of the same theme in the Louvre dates to a little later, but shows much the same pose for Hagar.

Franziska and I send best wishes to both of you,

David

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**From:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts [<mailto:baderfa@execpc.com>]  
**Sent:** August-24-12 2:59 PM  
**To:** David de Witt  
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Dear David,

I hope that the attached essay can be published somewhere. This is just a rough draft and I will not send it until I have your approval. I do think that the painting will be a good teaching tool.

Many thanks,  
Alfred





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