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# Agnes Etherington Art Centre

5 March 2003

### BY FAX: 011-31-71-513-4489

Drs. H. Bolten-Rempt, Director Stedelijk museum Der Lakenhal Oude Singel 28-32 Postbus 2044 2301 CA LEIDEN The Netherlands

Dear Dr. Bolten-Rempt,

Thank you for your letter of 26 February, received yesterday.

I have had an opportunity to discuss its contents in detail with Dr. Bader and Dr. de Witt, and we are agreed that we must withdraw from the project to lend works to an exhibition at your museum of selected paintings from the Bader Collection. We have made this decision for several reasons. As you riary know, Dr. de Witt's prime concern in the coming years is the preparation of a catalogue raisonné of paintags in the Bader Collection – both those already in the collection of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre and those that will come to us in the future. He has been working on catalogue entries since his arrival here and hopes to concentrate his time in the coming several years to this crucial project. We ourselves plan to organize a major exhibition of selections of the Bader Collection in 2005 or 2006, to coincide with the book's publication; thus the date you now suggest for your project frankly falls too close to ours to make participating feasible for us. Lastly, there was never any question – at least as far as I have been informed – of the expectation of receiving your exhibition here, or of participating financially in it, and I must say that our resources in no way allow us to commit to such costs.

I regret that this news may be disappliinting to you, but trust that you will understand that my first commitment must be to the dollection here, and to supporting curatorial work towards Dr. Bader's remarkable gifts to us.

Sincerely Janet M. Brooke Director c.c.: Dr. Alfred Bader (BY FAX) 7 Dr. David de Witt, Bader Curator of European Art

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26 februari 2003

Agnes Etherington Art Centre Dr. J.M. Brooke, Director Queen's University Kingston, Ontario CANADA K7L 3N6

Dear Dr Brooke,

Thank you for your letter of 12 February 2003 on the planned exhibition of selected works from the collection of Dr. Bader.

It is certainly our wish to mount such an exhibition, but we met with several difficulties which must be solved first. Therefore the periode of time for this exhibition must be postponed. It would be useful to know if you are interested yourself in showing the exhibition in your galleries as well. It would make sense for the exhibition as for the catalogue, i.e. for the content as well as financially speaking. We are thinking of postponing the exhibition until autumn 2004 But first of all Dr. Bader should agree on this and on a contract. As soon as we will agree on that we will contact you to start negotiations and discuss further details.

We are contacting Dr. Bader and will let you know what the plans are.

Yours sincerely,

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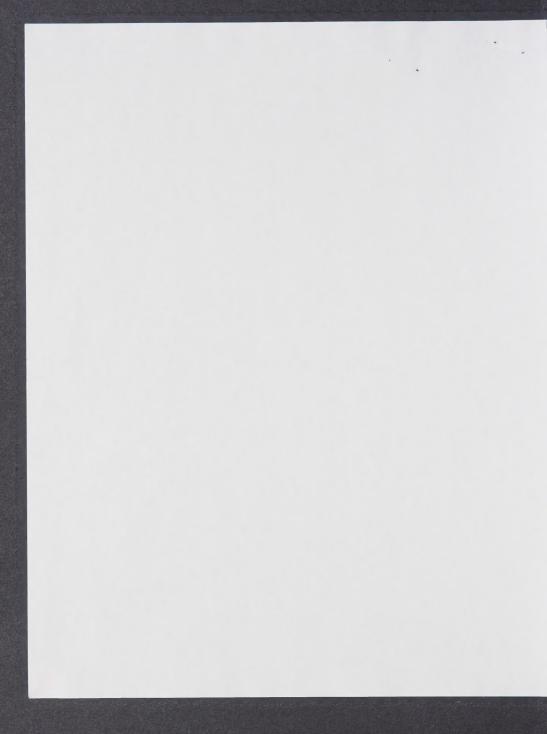
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Subject: Re: to: A. Bader/D. De Witt: exhibition From: Alfred Bader Fine Arts <baderfa@execpc.com> Date: Tue, 21 Jan 2003 10:44:23 -0600

To: Christiaan Vogelaar «Vogelaar@lakenhal.nl>, David A Dewitt «3dad5@post.queensu.ca», Jette Bolten-Rempt «hboltenrempt@lakenhal.nl> BCC: Otto «Otto@DutchPaintings.com»

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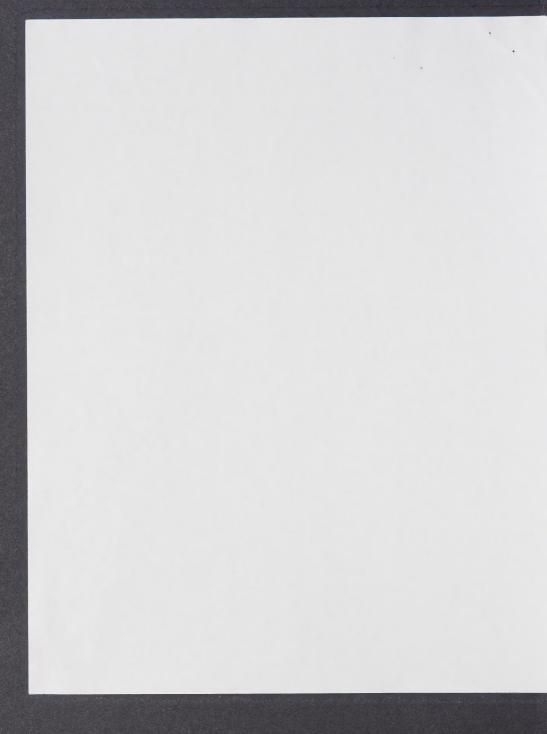
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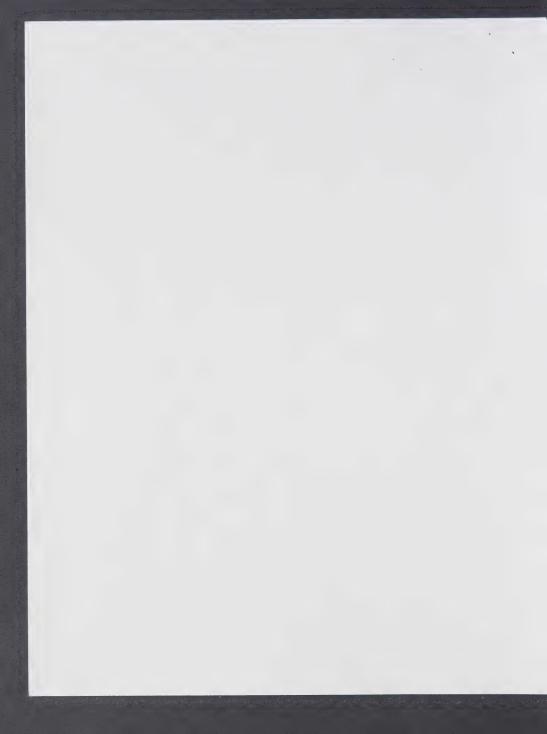
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To: "'Alfred Bader Fine Arts'" <baderfa@execpc.com>

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#### Otto

PS: This week is already hectic.

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Otto. what do you think of the last sentence? Regards, Alfred

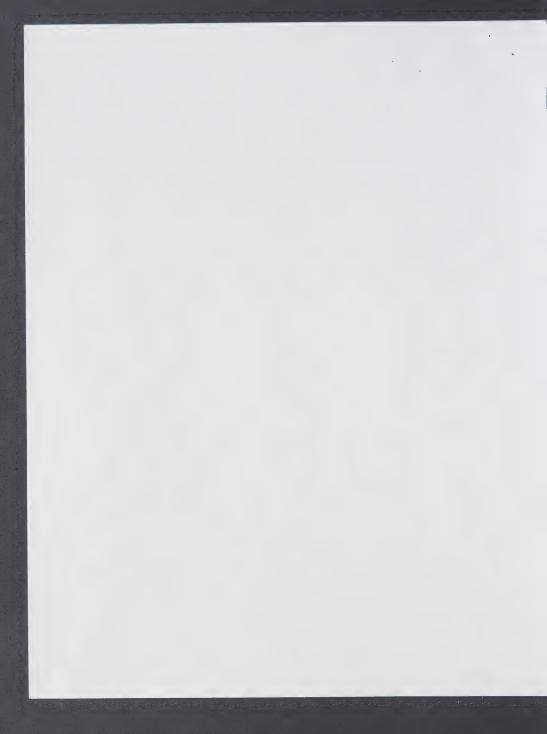
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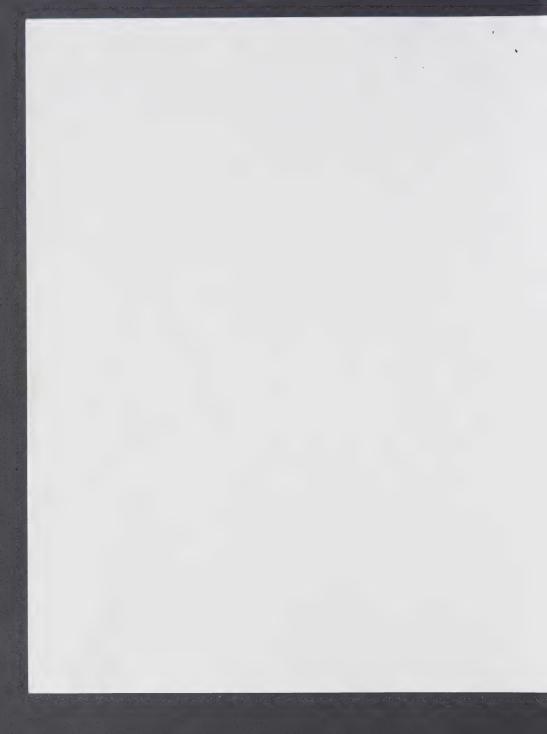
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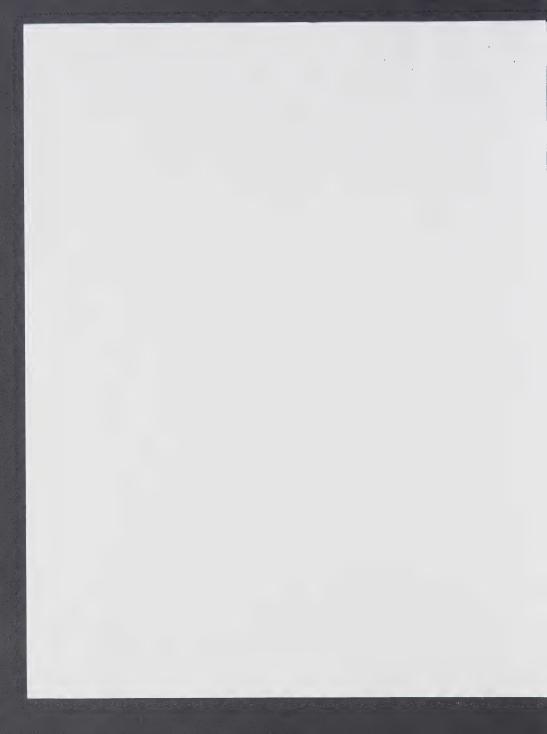
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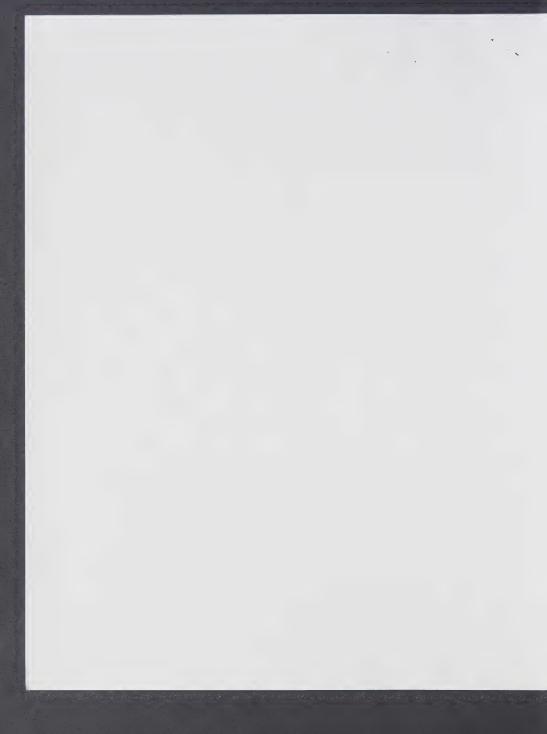
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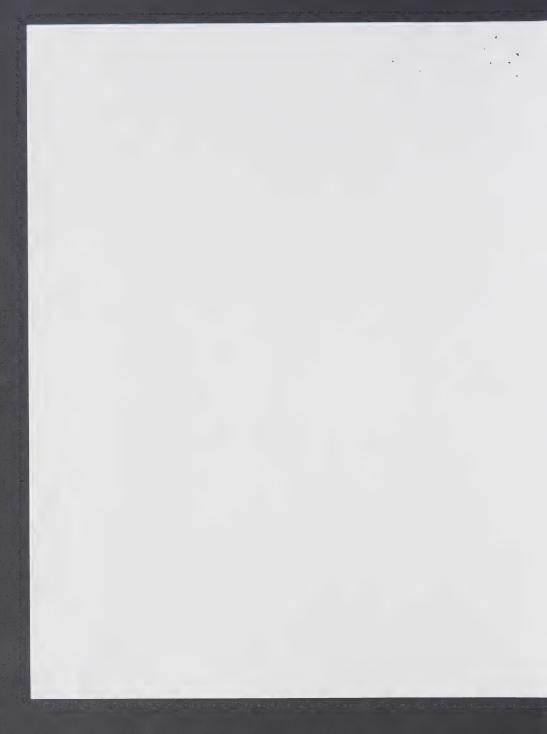


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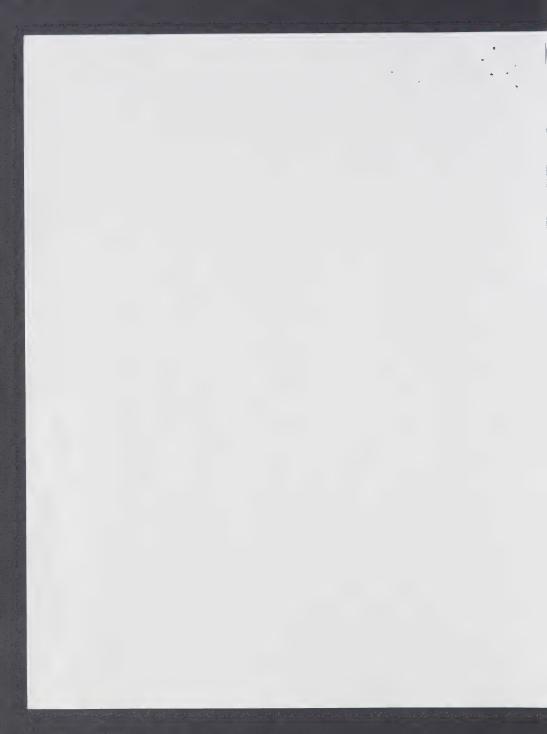


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# ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

October 30, 2002

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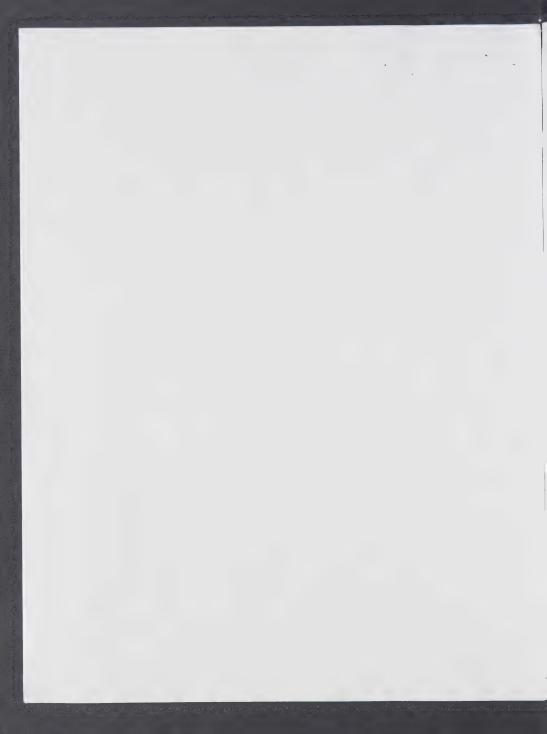
Thank you for your letter of October 21<sup>st</sup> received only just now, a few hours before leaving for London.

Your letter contains one very worrisome sentence, namely "Given that the well is currently dry..." That is scary with the Agnes being such a successful institution with an able Director.

I enclose a photograph of the Solimena. I purchased this from a good dealer friend, Lewis Nierman, in Plantation, Florida who had bought the drawing from another very able dealer, the late Oliver Banks. Lewis and Oliver believed that the drawing is of the school of Sebastiano Ricci depicting a scene described on his letter to me of January 1994, gopy enclosed. Only last year Dr. Ron Laskin, formerly at the National Gallery in Ottawa and at The Getty, pointed out to me that it is Solimena and as you know that was confirmed by The Getty. It may well be that The Getty will not purchase the drawing from me because of Chapter 21 in my autobiography. Incidentally, I hope that you have received or will receive some copies from Herstmonceux.

Some of my dealings with Lewis Nierman are described on pp. 233-234 of that book and feel free to contact him if you have any questions. His telephone number is 954-472-7458. He is a delightful fellow and I have bought a good many paintings, but no drawings, from him since.

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Ms. Janet Brooke October 30, 2002 Page Two

It is attractively framed and I have not had it out of frame so I simply do not know whether it bears any collector's stamps. Of course Daniel is on the Board of Trustees of Queen's, flies there regularly and could easily take the drawing with him for your inspection and then return it if you decide against it.

I look forward to receiving your progress reports on the *Gibraltar*. I do believe that it is by Joseph Wright because I was with Benedict Nicolson when he inspected it stripped and he assured me that it is the lost original. As you know, some of the passages are very good indeed and I just cannot conceive of anyone making such a copy.

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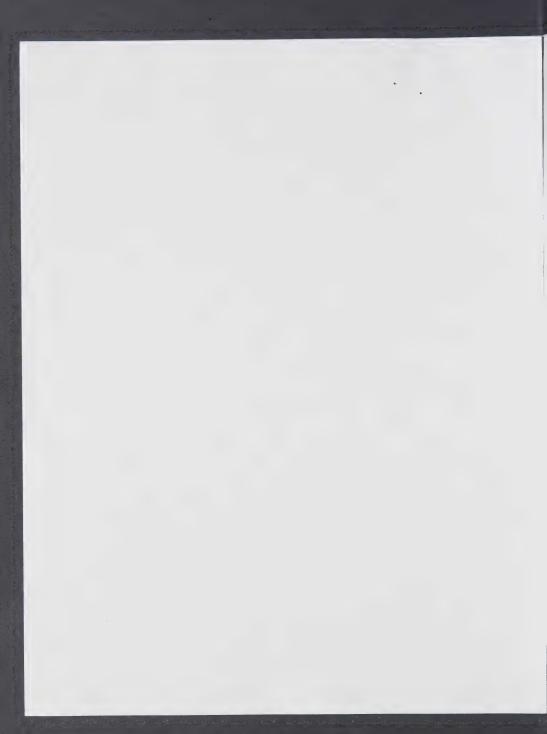
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With best regards I remain

Yours sincerely,

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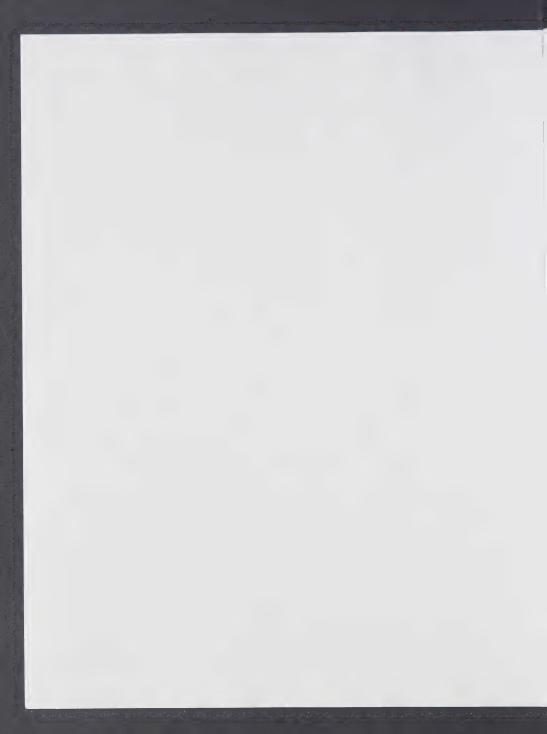
Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar, Keeper Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal Oude Singel 28-32 Postbus 2044 2301 CA Leiden HOLLAND

Dear Dr. Vogelaar,

Were it not for Dr. David de Witt assuring me that you still want to have an exhibition of my paintings late next year I would have come to the conclusion that you have simply lost interest and hence haven't been in touch with me for so very many months.

We agreed during our last meeting that you and your Director would be sending me an agreement, but I have not received that.

Isabel and I plan to be in Holland for the Amsterdam sales. We will be in Amsterdam from Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, until Wednesday afternoon, November 6<sup>th</sup>, staying at the Hotel des Arts, Rokin 154-156, telephone 31 20 620 1558. Then we will travel to The Hague to work at the RKD, staying there until Friday noon, November 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be staying at the Novotel Den Haag Centrum, Hofweg 5-7, telephone 31 70 364 8846.

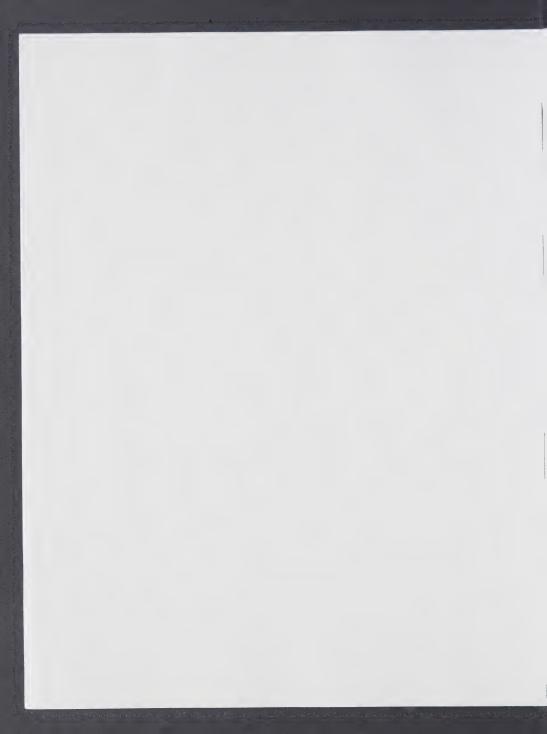


Perhaps you might like to meet us in Amsterdam or in The Hague.

With best regards I remain

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February 11, 2002

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But, first things first: please ascertain that you and Hamburg indeed want the exhibition to be held between December 2003 and June 2004, and that you know that you can raise the funds.

You will have to decide relatively quickly, particularly as other Museums are asking me for loans.

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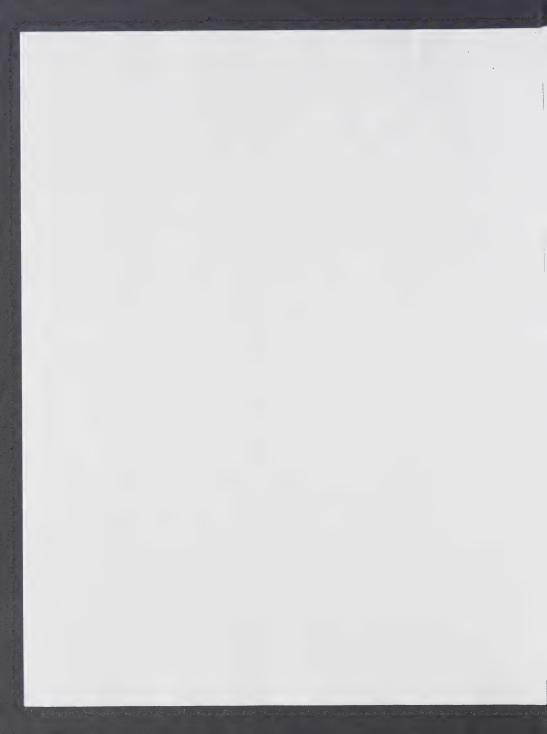
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Including these four paintings we have 33, plus C-18 and C-22, making a total of 35 paintings.

If we proceed, I will ask you to draw up a firm Contract which I will of course have checked carefully.

The contract should include the possibility that if I die before July 2004, Isabel and my executor (my son, Daniel Bader) should have the choice that some or all paintings from Milwaukee be shipped to Queen's University.

To turn now to the paintings from Queen's: the enclosed list includes your choices and some additional suggestions of David and



me. You will note that this includes 13 paintings, many of them large. David believes that \$6 million (US) will be a reasonable insurance valuation for the 13 Queen's paintings.

Again, I suggest that shipment be made in October of 2003, for photography in Leiden.

My understanding is that you plan to print about 3,000 copies of the catalogue, with each of the 48 or so paintings reproduced in color.

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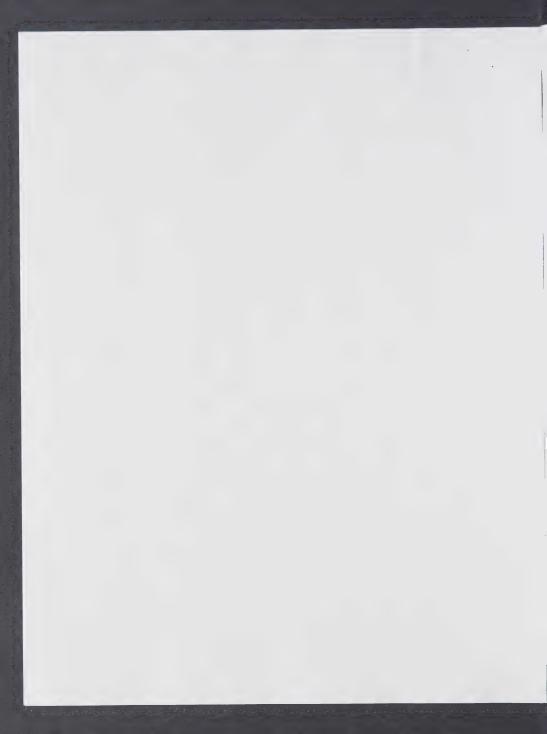
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If you have immediate questions, please fax them to me at 414-277-0709 while David is here.

With many thanks and best wishes I remain

Yours sincerely, Ind

Alfred Bader AB/aź Att. C: Dr. David de Witt Mr. Daniel Bader Mr. David Bader



## Paintings from Alfred Bader in Milwaukee

Eeckhout, Tobit

Unknown girl

Joseph & Baker (loaned by David Bader)

Woman, attributed to Jan de Bray

S. Koninck, Old Man

Leveque, Portrait of Man

Verhout, Brewer, 1662

Hagar & Angel, J. Linsen landscape

Bredius 226 (C. Fabritius?)

Bredius 261, Man, ca. 1661

Maes, Self-Portrait

De Gelder, Samuel coming to Eli

Venus & Cupid

Jan Lievens, Landscape

Lievens, St. Paul \*

Hermit, Leiden

Sweerts, Self-Portrait

Flinck, Jesus & Samaritan Woman

Lievens, Jacob Junius

Uyttenbroeck, Jacob & Angel



Portrait of Man, ? Dujardin

Eeckhout, Holy Family

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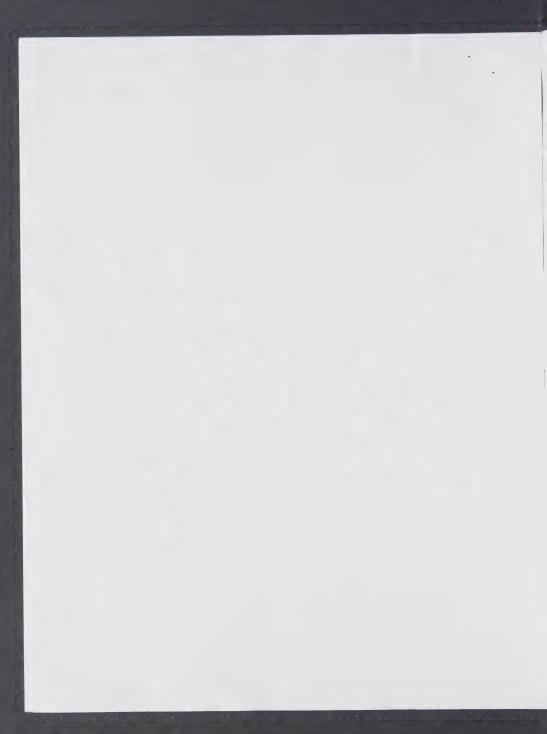
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## Paintings from Queen's University

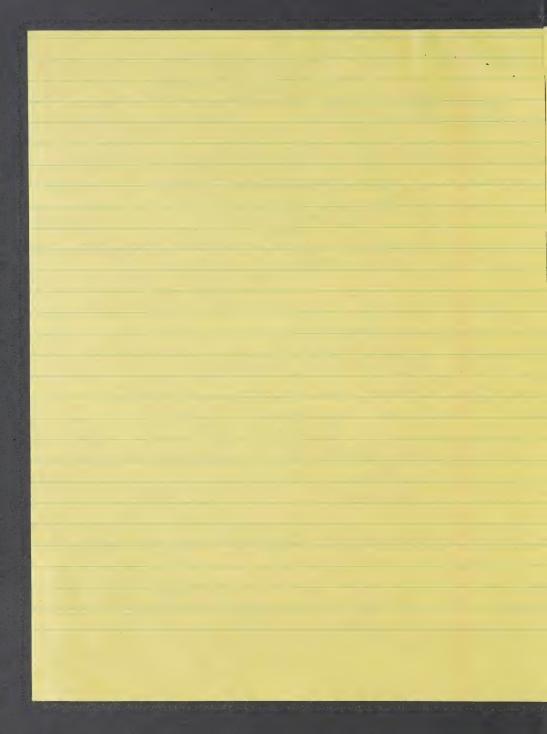
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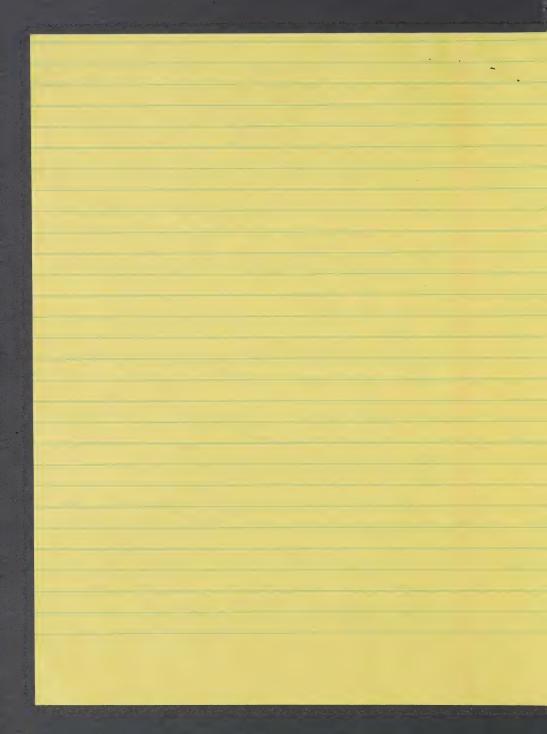


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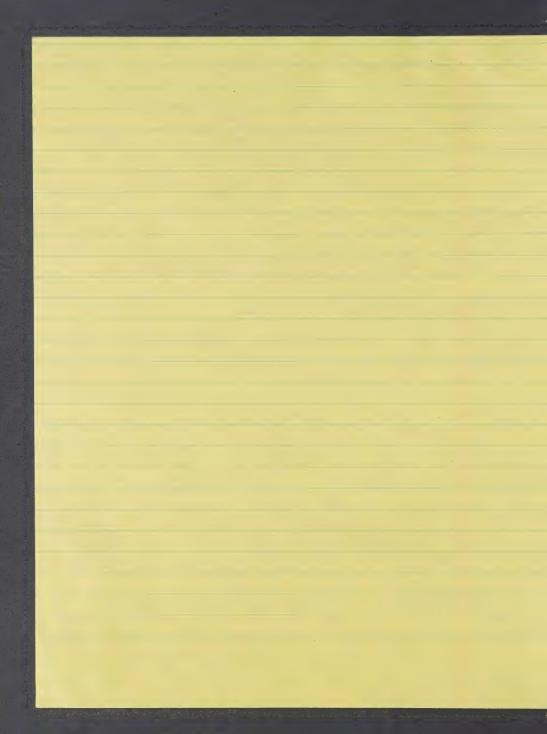


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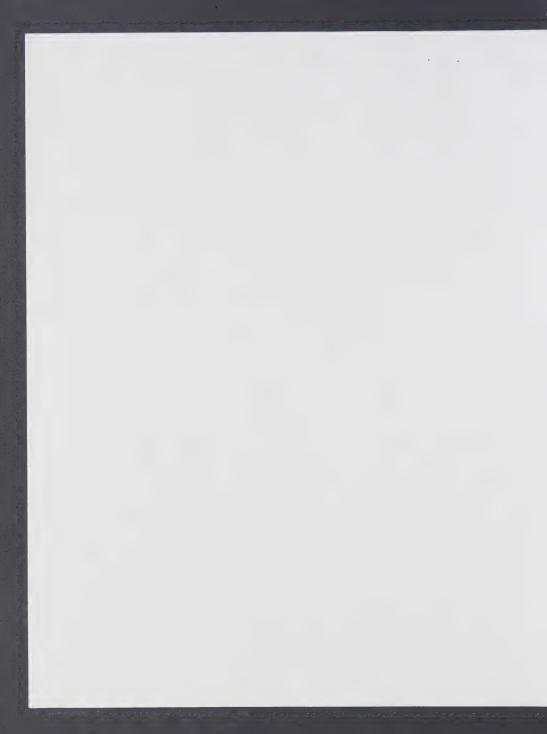
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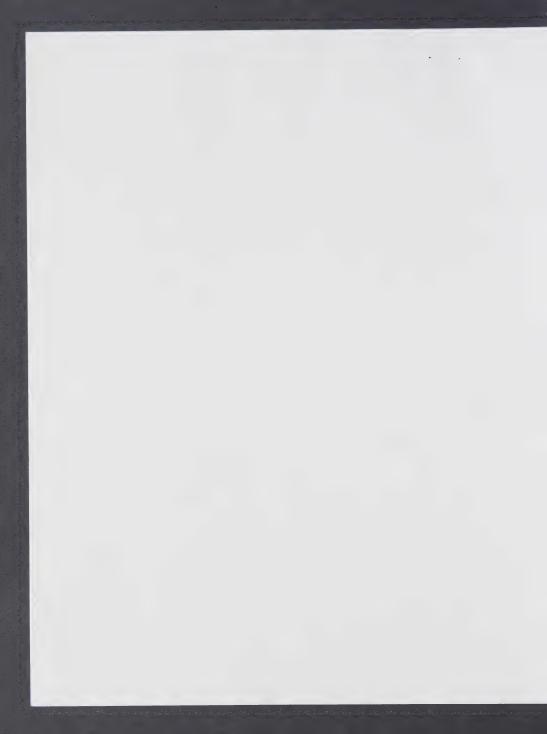
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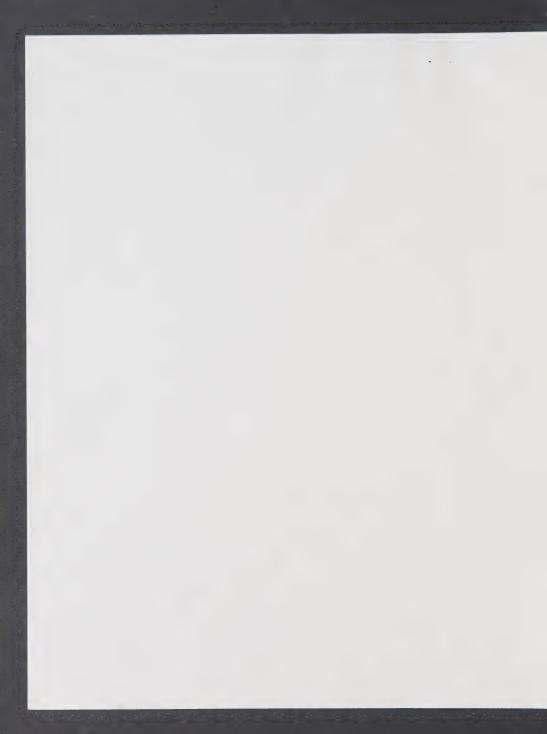
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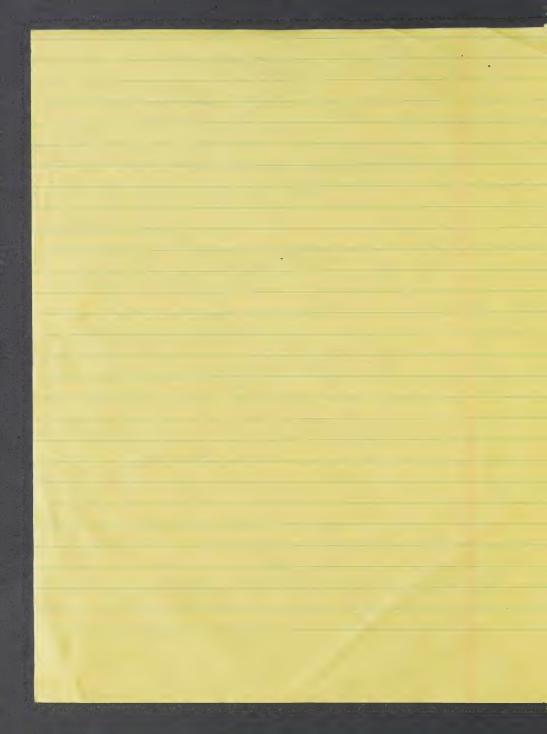
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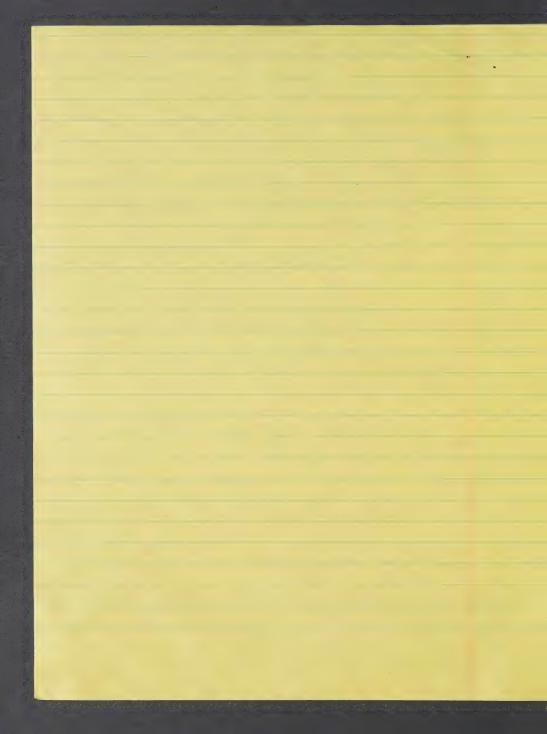
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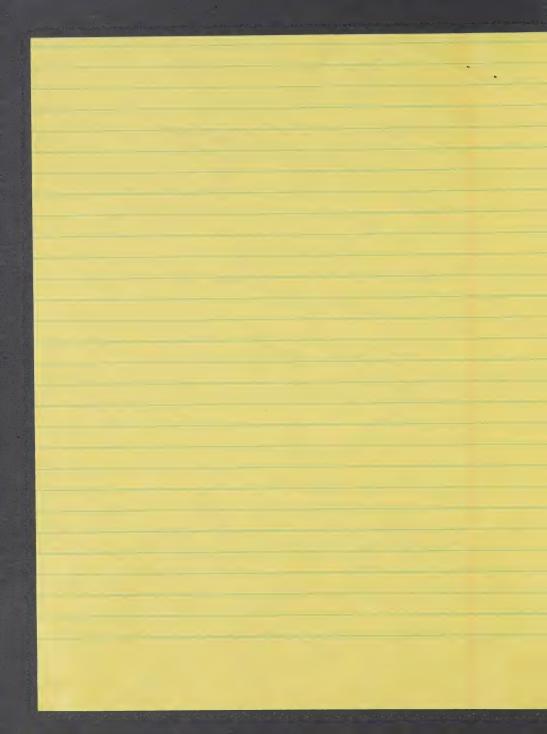
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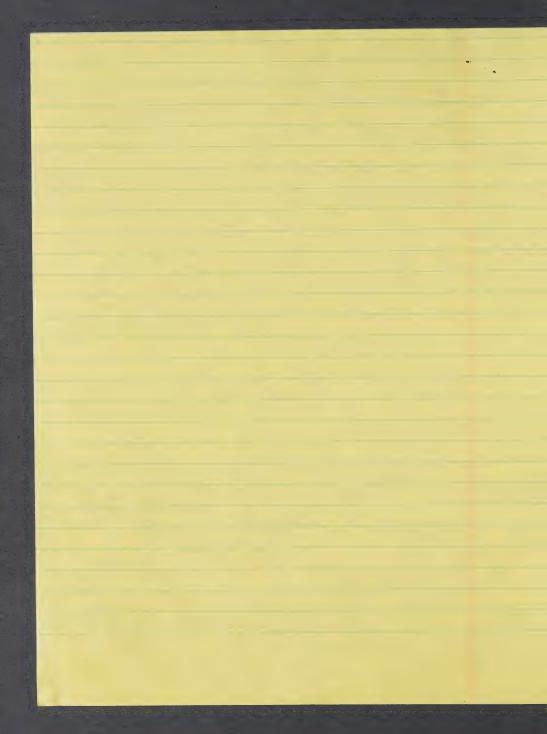
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February 8, 2002

Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar, Keeper Stedelijk Museum De Lakenhal Oude Singel 28-32 Postbus 2044 2301 CA Leiden HOLLAND

Dear Christiaan,

I still remember with great pleasure your visit here and now look forward to your confirmation and your draft of the contract.

David de Witt is here with us until Tuesday and of course I will discuss your choices and the details of the loan with him.

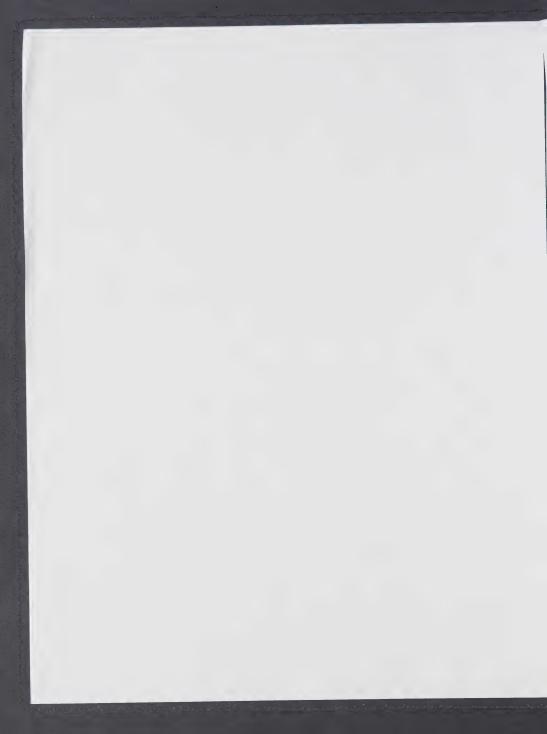
I enclose a copy of the letter from the Chief of Police in Amsterdam and my reply. He has not had the courtesy of replying to me.

You know that I feel very strongly about this and will appreciate anything you can do to help.

With best wishes I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az



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### April 18, 2001

Drs. Henrietta Bolten-Rempt, Director Stedelijk museum De Lakenhal Leiden Oude Singel 28-32 postbus 2044 2301 CA Leiden HOLLAND

Dear Henrietta,

Thank you so much for your beautiful card of April 12<sup>th</sup> with those lovely glass casters. I presume that you sent the catalogue on the paintings in Dresden now in Leiden separately, and I really look forward to seeing it.

You know that Isabel and I have been very interested in having an exhibition of our paintings in Leiden, but frankly thought that you and Christiaan Vogelaar had lost interest; we just have not heard from you for so long.

We plan to be in Holland in November. We will probably arrive in Amsterdam on November 4<sup>th</sup>, spend most of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Amsterdam, looking at the old master sales, then spending the 7<sup>th</sup> at the RKD, and then going via Utrecht to Nymegen to spend some time with the Tümpels. We may then rent a car or go by train from Nymegen to Kassel to see the *Early Rembrandt* exhibition which will include two of our paintings.

I have just received the happy news that Queen's University at last has a Bader curator of paintings. You probably know him: it is David de Witt who received his Ph.D. with Volker Manuth, working on Jan van Noordt.

Do let me know what specific ideas you have about the exhibition in 2003. Would this be combined with another museum, like Basle, and how many paintings would you like to borrow?



With all good wishes from house to house I remain

Yours sincerely,

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Alfred Bader AB/az



Stedelijk museum De Lakenhal Leiden

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Leiden, 12. 4. 2001

Dear Acford and trabelle,

How are you today? We are at the moment very pleased with the exhibition 'De Leidse fyrschilders with Dresdan', 51 pieces by Gorrit Don, fabrice Mature and Frans van Mieris a.o.

We still lope to mount the exhibition of the works of your collection. If you still consent it will be in 2003. Christiaan Wyplaar is working out.

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in mind when we desume the problem with you in Alitwankie !

When will you be in Uskand next time? I hope to see you then in kiden, have driver at my place !

very good halk and a lost Perach ! all yours fettale bother



Dr. Alfred Bader 2961 North Shepard Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

August 6, 2001

Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar, Keeper Stedelijk museum De Lakenhal Leiden Oude Singel 28-32 postbus 2044 2301 CA Leiden HOLLAND

Dear Dr. Vogelaar,

Thank you so much for your detailed and interesting letter of July  $25^{\text{th}}$ .

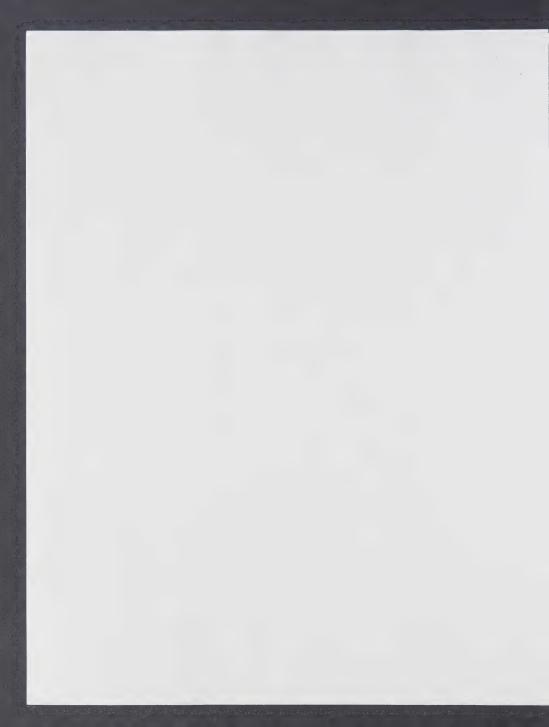
We very much look forward to David de Witt visiting us for a few days in the middle of September and in the meantime I am sending him a copy of your letter and of my reply.

I think it would make good sense to include a few really fine paintings already at Queen's but I doubt whether Kingston joining Leiden would really make good sense. After all, there have been two exhibitions of many of my paintings in Kingston, and eventually all of them will be there.

Basle might well make sense and so would a good many other museums. But I suspect that most plan their exhibitions more than two years ahead.

How do you plan to fund the exhibition?

I did receive your catalogue of the exhibition of Dresden paintings. It is beautifully produced but so unbalanced: thirteen paintings by Willem van Mieris! Of course I know that this was not your choice, but that of the people in Dresden some 300 years ago.



We plan to be in Holland during the week of the sales in November and then probably go to Kassel to see the exhibition. I am absolutely astounded by your telling me that van der Wetering now accepts C-4. I have always liked that big machine and it surely comes from Leiden. I was very skeptical about the considerably later dating in Vol. 1 of the *Corpus* but I find the attribution to Rembrandt impossible to accept and I look forward to seeing the reasoning in the catalogue.

You know that I was deeply hurt by the action of the Amsterdam police and I enclose copies of my latest correspondence. If the Commissioner of the Amsterdam police decides not to reimburse me, I will tell him that this is so close to dishonest that I cannot tell the difference.

Of course I am happy to have the painting of *Rembrandt's Mother* back here; it is one of the two best versions and certainly superior to that in the Mauritshuis.

With all good wishes, also to Mrs. Bolten, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az Enc. - 2 C: Dr. David de Witt



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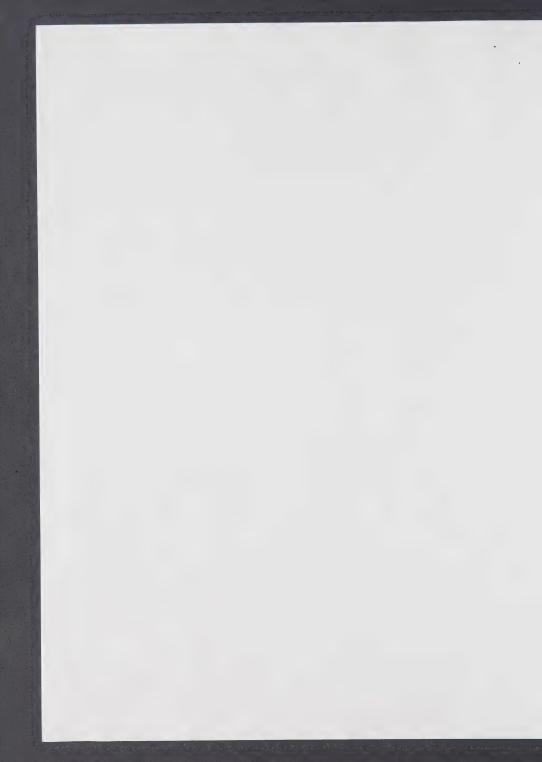
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Dear Dr and Mrs Bader,

It has been a while now that we last met, at this small dinnerparty at my home in Amsterdam last year ! We have been quite busy since, especially organizing the very successful exhibition on the Leiden fijnschilder collection from the Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister in Dresden. Did you receive the catalogue ?

Last week I met with David de Witt and discussed our plans with him. The meeting was very pleasant indeed. As is to be expected, he is quite willing to participate in researching paintings from your collection. He reacted also enthousiastically to my idea that a few well selected pieces formerly in your collection but now at Kingston might well figure in the exhibition too, alongside with pieces from your own collection. He suggested that the exhibition could be shown in Kingston as well, but I would prefer that we first investigate possibilities in Basle etc. I wonder what you feel about this.

I now plan to have the exhibition here in Leiden from the end of 2003 until april 2004. Would this suit you ? To our idea the exhibition should cover some 40 paintings, with of course a nucleus of Rembrandt and his followers including Lievens, but not excluding others. A catalogue raisonné with entries on all exhibits should of course accompany the exhibition. I hope to be able to visit the States later this year of next year, hoping to meet with David de Witt and Volcker Manuth, make a first selection and discuss our proposals with you.



In the meanwhile I can announce that we purchased an interesting landscape with the battle of Bethullia by Rembrandts first teacher, Jacob van Swanenburg. I wrote in the Rembrandthuis/Kassel catalogue on the master and find him increasingly of much more interest than most scholars do. We expect to get on loan from a private collection the blind Tobias that was given to Dou but which Wetering in the Rembrandthuis/Kassel catalogue re-attributes to Rembrandt c. 1630. I look forward to hearing your comment !

I hope that you and your wife stay well and hope indeed to meet you again when visiting Holland in november. With kindest regards, also from mrs Bolten,

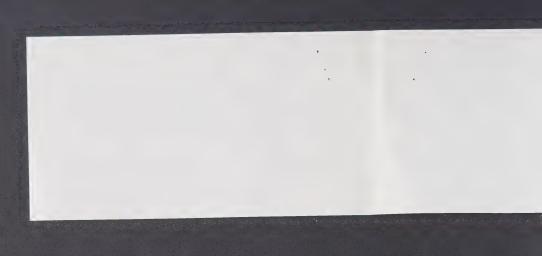
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October 25, 2000

TO: Drs Christiaan Vogelaar, Keeper De Lakenhal Page 1 of 3

FAX: 011 31 71 513 44 89

Dear Dr. Vogelaar,

I am happy to have your fax of October 24<sup>th</sup> and to know that you have not forgotten about your and Mrs. Bolten's visits.

Isabel and I plan to be in Holland from November 5<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will arrive in Amsterdam by plane from Gatwick on Sunday afternoon and will spend the next few hours with Marieke de Winkel and Professor Volker Manuth, who are picking us up at the airport.

Then we will be in Amsterdam on Monday and Tuesday, at the Hague on Wednesday and Thursday, in Utrecht Friday and in Nymegen on Saturday, returning from Amsterdam to Gatwick on Sunday noon.

There may well be some time during those days when we could get together, to discuss your ideas about an exhibition.

Incidentally, I gave a Dutch-type videocassette describing many of the paintings in our house to Drs Jan Kosten at the RKD. I have asked him to return this to me on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, when we will spend the day



at the RKD, and I will then take it with me to Utrecht, perhaps to share with Professor Hecht's students during a bull session. You also might be interested in seeing that video and if so, talk to Drs Kosten about this. We have several copies of the American type video, but we only had one made specially to be usable in Holland.

The Amsterdam police keep stonewalling me about the third of the three stolen paintings. They have not even allowed the auctioneer to give me the name of the purchaser. The attached advertisement describes the theft in a nutshell.

With all good wishes and best regards, also to Dr. & Mrs. Bolten, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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# Stolen from Alfred Bader in Amsterdam on November 12, 1994



## Gonzales Coques (1614-84) Portrait of a Man Oil on panel, 10.2 cm. x 8.3 cm. Provenance: Sotheby's, London, July 6, 1994, Lot #186

Theft reported to the Amsterdam police and to IFAR (illustrated in IFAReports, 16, 4, No. 236).

Three paintings were stolen. Of these, the best (previously attributed to Rembrandt, *Bredius* 226) was discarded by the thieves and found that evening. The two others, a period portrait of Rembrandt's mother and the Coques *Portrait* were sent to the auction house De Eland in Amsterdam, were offered for sale in 1995, but returned as reserves were not reached. Shortly thereafter, the Amsterdam police recovered the paintings, checked neither their own police report nor IFAR, kept both paintings in their Lost and Found for three years and then sent them to auction (again to De Eland) where they were offered and sold on June 25, 1998, as lots 1420 and 1421.

Rembrandt's Mother was bought by an Utrecht collector, Dr. M.B.H. Schilder, who took it to the RKD where it was identified as one of the paintings stolen from Bader. Dutch law gives buyers at auction legal possession of their purchase if acquired three years after the theft. Hence, Bader negotiated a repurchase of *Rembrandt's Mother* from Dr. Schilder and would like to negotiate a similar repurchase with the buyer of the Coques.

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Dear Dr Bader,

I reserved in your name a double room for you at:

HOTEL HESTIA ROEMER VISSCHERSTRAAT 7 Fax: Netherlands – 20 – 6851382 Tel: Netherlands – 20 – 6180801 or 6123710

They expect your confirmation today. The price is Dfl. 190,- [\$ 95] including breakfast and tax which is the best value I could find. Low budget hotels are cheaper but not clean and also totally booked out. The Hotel Hestia does however not dispose of a double bed. The Parkzicht hotel is closed for refurnishing purposes [and will be much more expensive after]. Please confirm or cancel the reservation today.

I look forward to seeing you both on Sunday evening from 7 p.m. for drinks and dinner. My director Mrs Bolten-rempt and professor Jaap Bolten, formerly Director of the Leiden University Printroom and a Bloemaert scholar, will be there too.

My private address is Prinsengracht 534 [between Leidsegracht and Spiegelgracht] and my telephone numer is 6225201.

I wish you a good journey and hope to see you well and safe in Amsterdam. Kindest regards,

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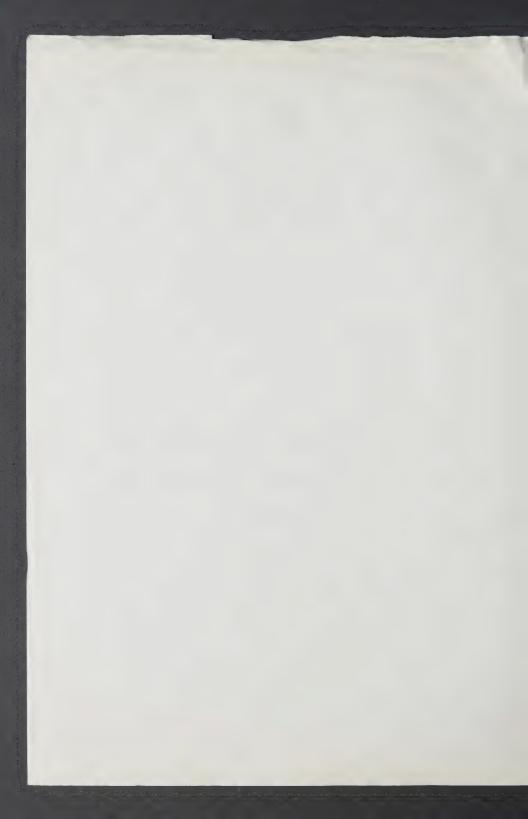
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November 2, 1999

TO: Drs. Christiaan Vogelaar

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FAX #: 011 31 71 5134489

Dear Drs. Vogelaar,

I would just like to confirm our telephone conversation of yesterday.

Isabel and I accept your invitation for dinner on Sunday evening, November 7<sup>th</sup>, with great pleasure. We will find our way to Prinsengracht 534 and is about 7 PM the right time? Please also give me your telephone number in Amsterdam in case we are delayed.

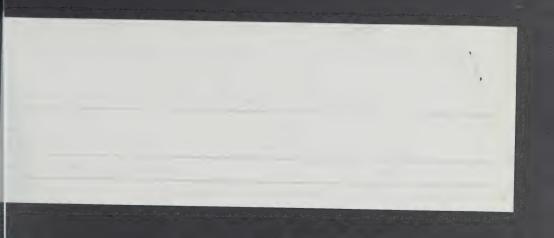
We hope you were able to check with Donna Barnes' friend, Mr. Theo Cornelissen who runs the Hotel Parkzicht in the Roemer Visscherstraat 33 in Amsterdam. Could you <u>please fax me his\_telephone number</u> and I will then make my reservation by telephone and fax and give him my credit card number. Of course I hope that they will have accommodations for us and I would then like to ask you to cancel the reservation at the Fita Hotel.

We much look forward to seeing see and remain with best regards

Yours sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB/az







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October 29, 1999

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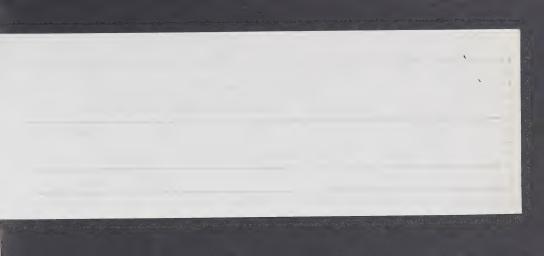
Could you please fax me your suggestion for a reasonable hotel in Amsterdam, preferably not far from the station, together with their address, phone number and fax number. I will then make the reservation from here.

With many thanks for your help and best personal regards I remain

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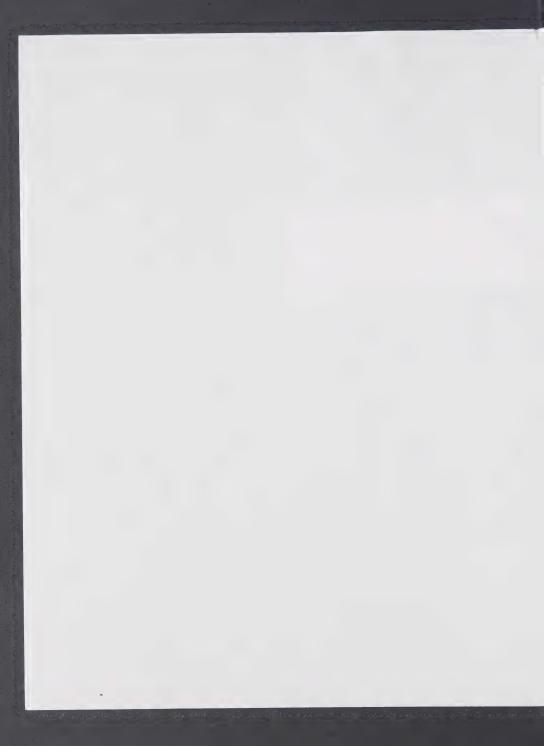
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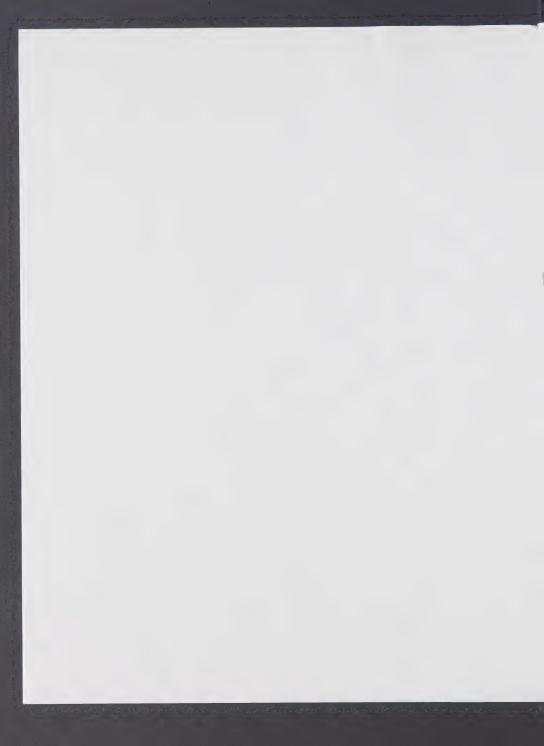
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A Chemist Helping Chemists April 21, 1999

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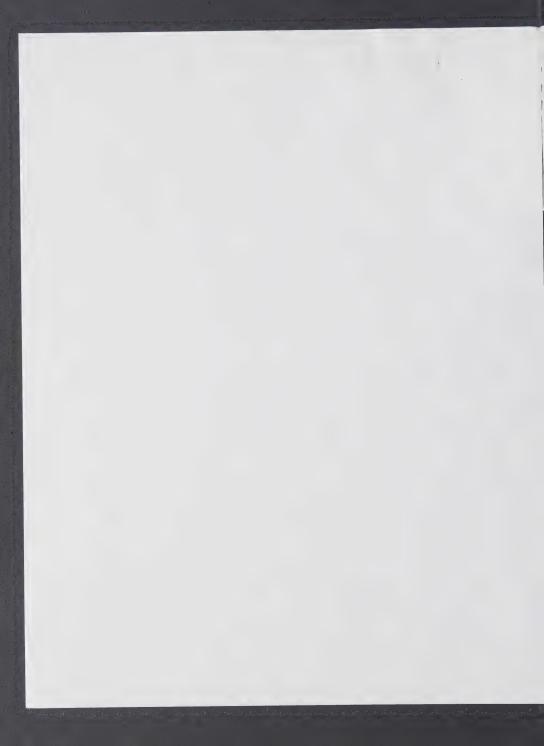
I just hope that I will live to 2006, but if not ask Queen's University to loan you *Rembrandt's Mother*.

I was happy to see that you plan to visit us either in September of this year or in January of 2000. We plan to be here all of January, but September is a little more problematic. I have been asked to give a series of lectures at Bob Jones University and other institutions in South Carolina during the week of September 13<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> is the Jewish New Year and the 20<sup>th</sup> is the Day of Atonement. On other days in September you would be most welcome and hope that you will stay in our guest room. It is in the attic, but the bed is comfortable and some of the paintings are good. We can then discuss your and Volker's idea about an exhibition which Volker wants to combine with Basle.

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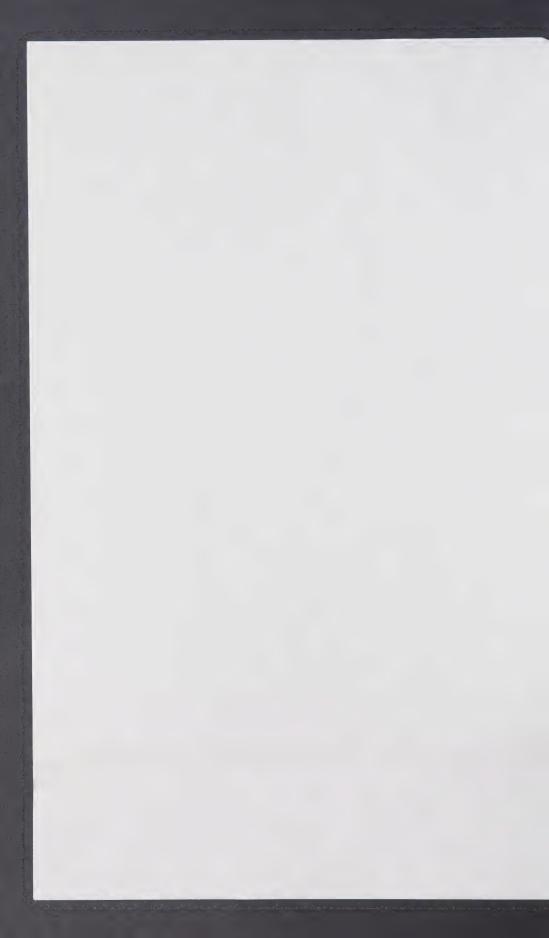
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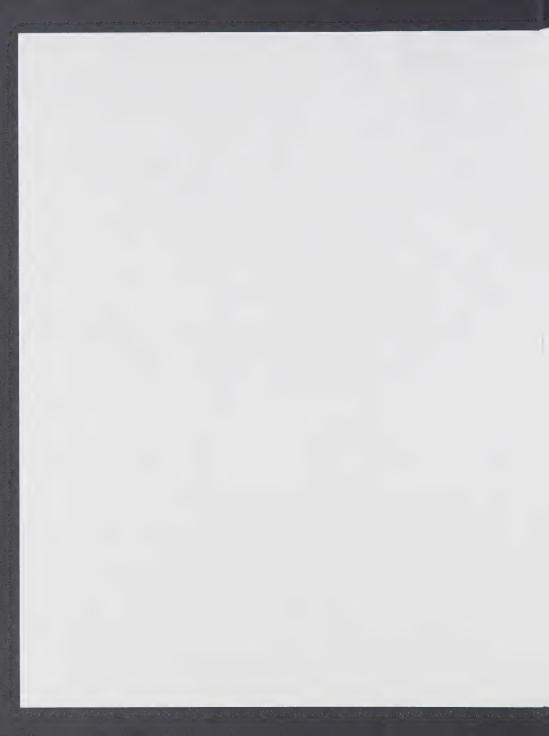
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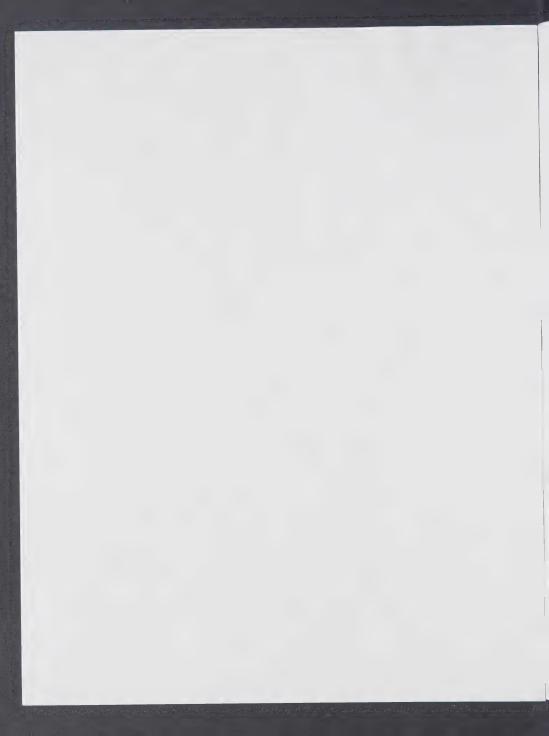
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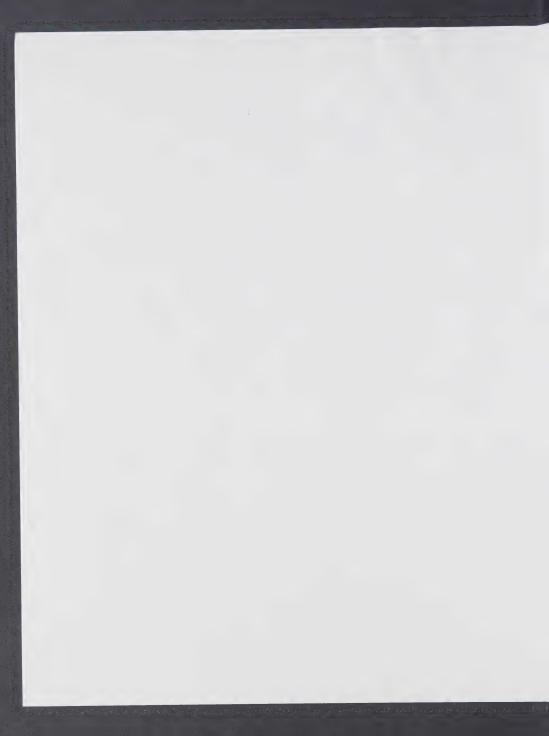
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TO: Dr. Christiaan Vogelaar Page 1 of \_7\_\_ Stedelijk museum De Lakenhal – Leiden

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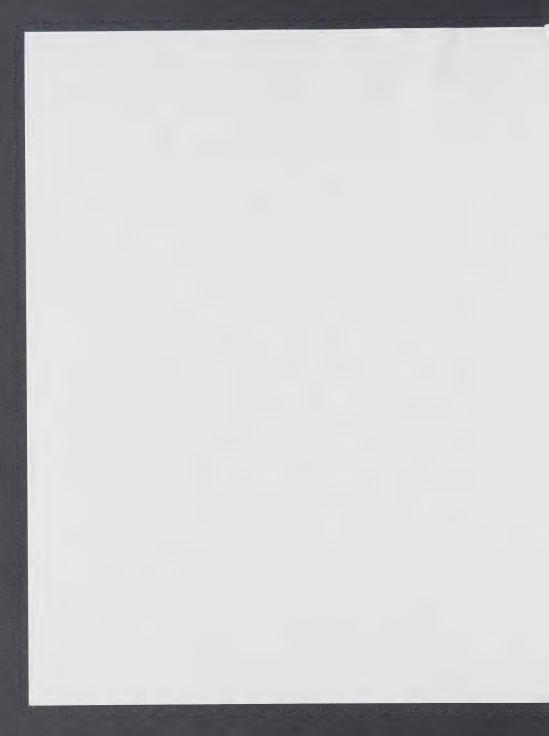
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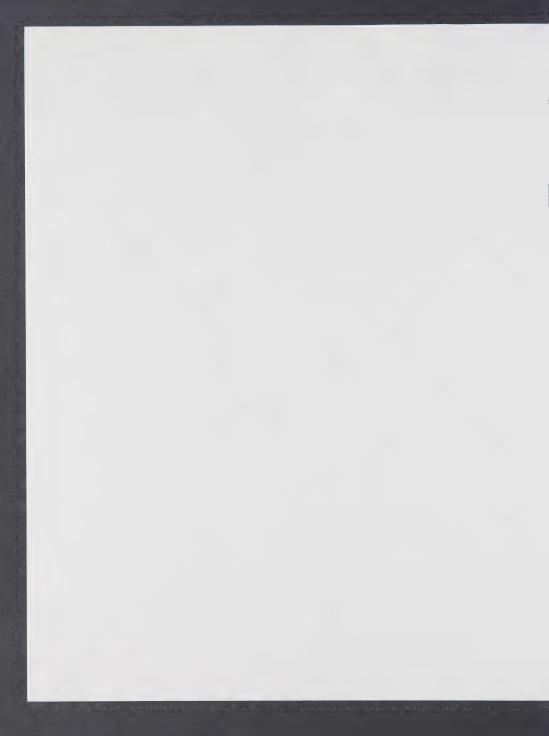
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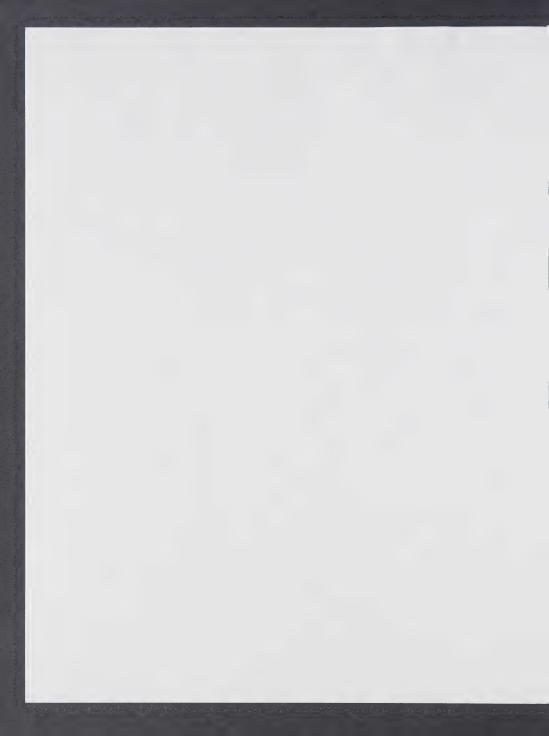
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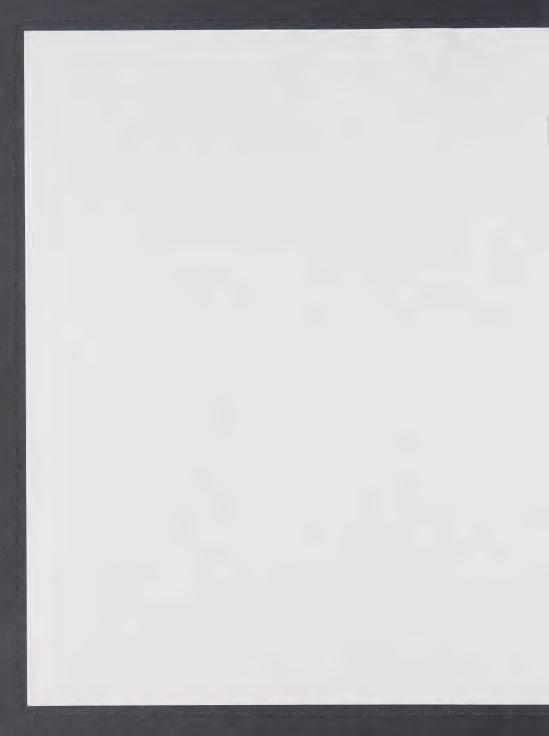
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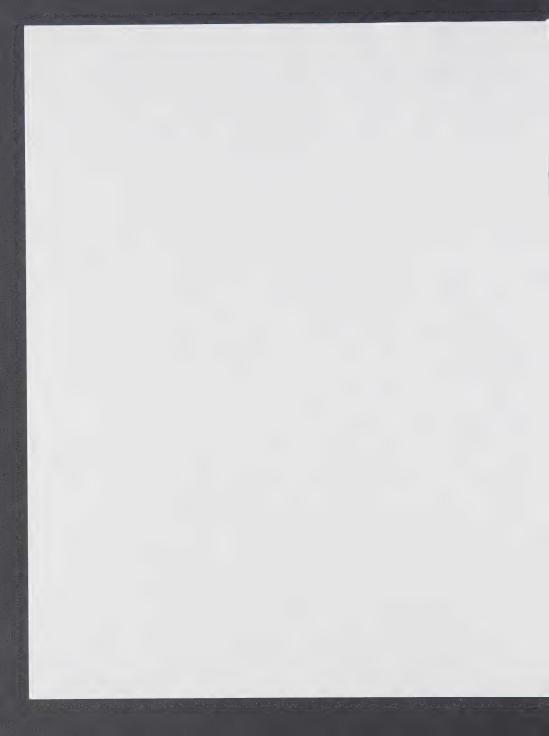
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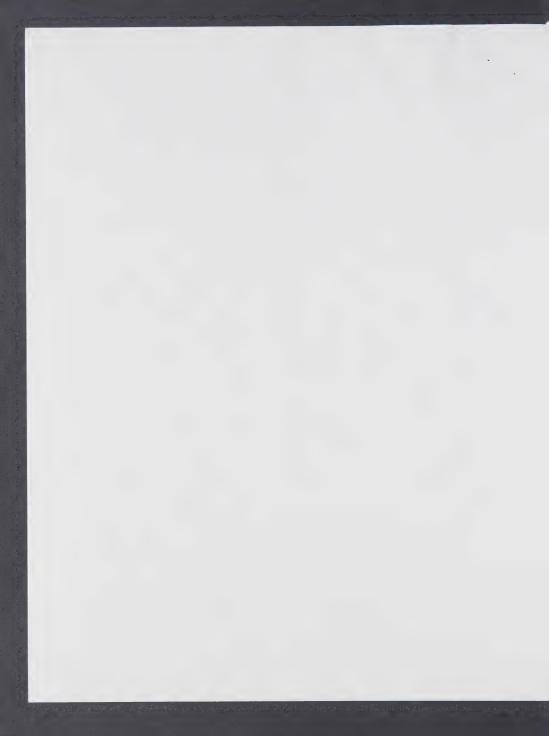
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police recovered the painting but never informed me and sent it to a small auction in Amsterdam. There it was bought by a zoologist at the University of Utrecht and I enclose a copy of his letter to me.

Of course the Amsterdam police was at fault, and I feel that the police should re-acquire the painting and return it to me. They have not yet replied to my letter of February 22, of which I enclose a copy.

Actually, there are a number of versions of this painting. Another one is owned by Mr. Benoit Wesly in Maastricht (tel. 43 325 8125) and it might be interesting to show both paintings together.

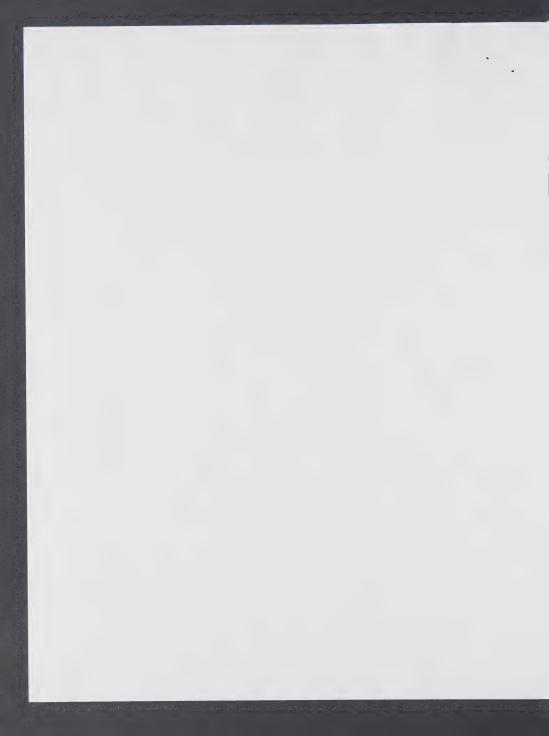
Incidentally, Dr. Schilder sent good photographs of my painting to Prof. Sumowski who knows that the painting was stolen from me and hence has sent the photographs to me and I could send them on to you.

Your very helpful associate in your museum told me today that you are working very hard on the catalogue in Amsterdam and so coming to your museum only on Wednesdays, but she assured me that this fax would be forwarded to you on Monday.

With all good wishes for a great show, I remain

Yours sincerely,

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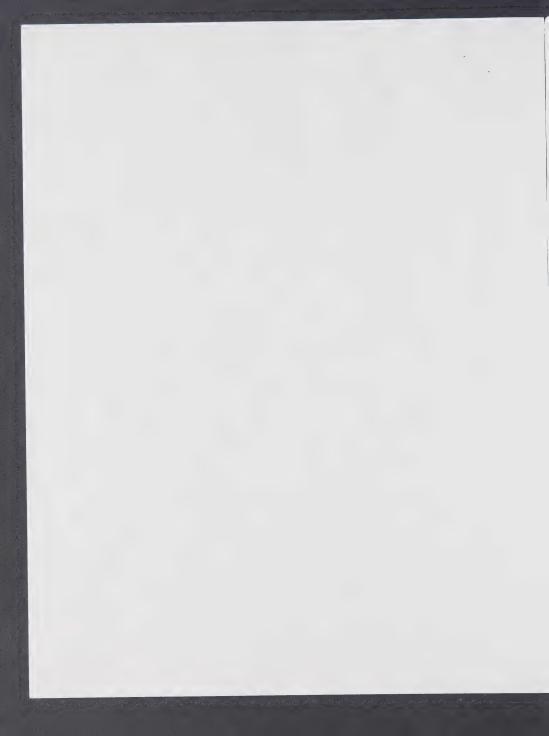
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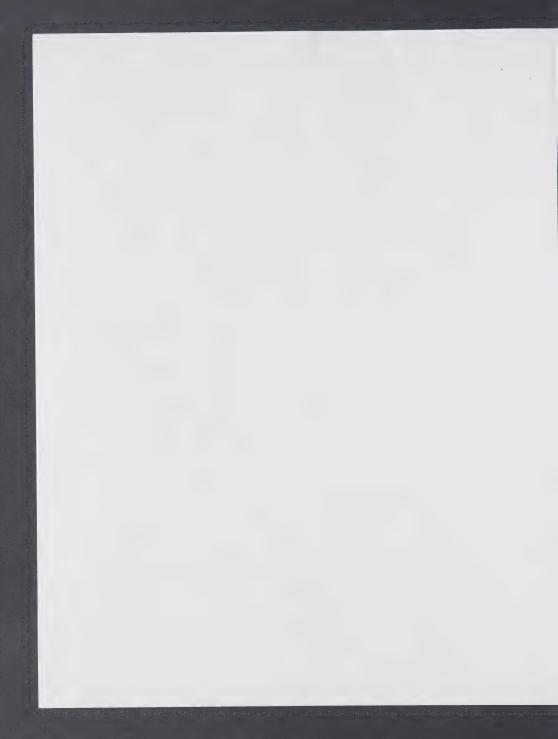
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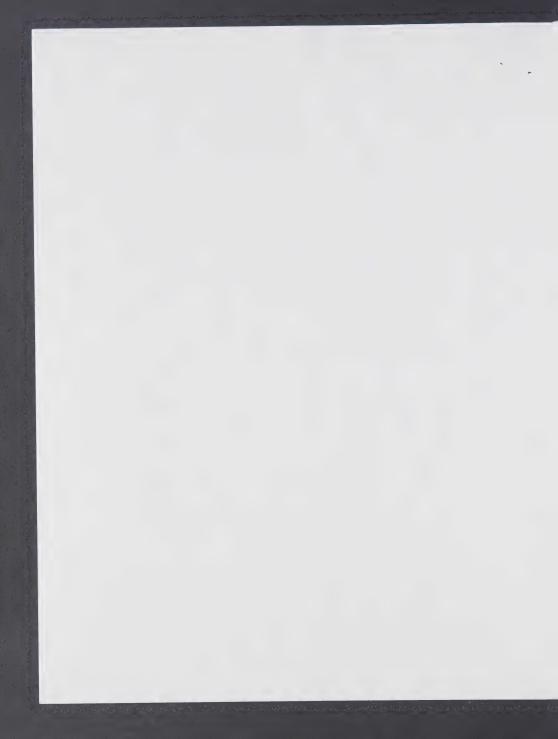
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Thank you for you taxiensive reply to my tetter reparding our request for a tom to the exhibition <u>Rembrands Mother</u>. Your response and willinguess to help us its very much appreciated. Thave researched the theme of the model aliedbeaty being Remorandos mother for several month now and I think of would be tamastic to confront all versions by Rembrandt bimself. Laevens and Bou for the occasion. We did however decide here to postpone the exhibition, the material proved to be so extensive and two forms could not be astained an protect (Remorandrs <u>Mother as profetess Heins</u> from the Rijksmuseum and here <u>OIL woman praving from Salaburg</u>) but will be in due course. So we decided to have the exhibition in a some more extended scale very much later, meaning the year 2000 when the fact that Rembrandt was both in Londen fourflutteed years age will be extensively temembered. I hope not to disappoint you too much with this postpanement.

Of course we will contact you by that time and discuss your proposal to include not only Lievens' portrait of Rembrandis mother, but also the soil anonymous painting from your collection which is at present with Dr Schilder.

These matters bring no however to a different issue. Some time ago I asked Volcker Manuth whether he thought that a choice selection from your collection could be exhibited here at De Lakenhal. The collection includes, as far as I can judge [as I never had the opportunity to varie you in Milwaukee or see kingston], quite a rew interesting Leiden painters of closely related arbits. I think that Volcker plu the question to you some time ago appearing that you were not inflavourable to the idea. Would this still be the case ? I plan to come over to the States either in September or in January 2000 and would very inuch appreciate to be allowed to visit you in Milwaukee to discuss this use.

I look forward to hearing from you and again offer you my apologies that your prompt answer was in reality for nothing. Yours sincerely,

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