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ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

May 14, 1996

Mr. Joseph Bender
Bender Fine Arts Gallery
P.O. Box 231
Strasburg, VA 22657

Dear Joseph:

It was so nice to be able to spend a couple of hours with you, your daughter and - a particularly happy surprise - Andy van Dam. I have pencilled into my calendar that you and Andy hope to visit us the weekend of August 24th.

Also, I would be able to accept an invitation to speak at one or two locations near you around October 9th. There is no need for honoraria, but we would require travel expenses for Isabel and me.

I have now had a chance to review the facts that you sent me about that enormous painting that you own. Frankly, Joseph, I don't understand how the restorer could charge you close to \$8,000 for what he did. He didn't really restore the painting at all but simply stabilized it, and that should have cost very much less.

Please do not bring that painting to Milwaukee because I don't think that I could find a museum willing to accept it in the condition in which it is. And a competent restorer might charge many thousands of dollars really to put it into good shape, and it may well not be worth that.

If I were you, I would simply talk to Sotheby's in New York and ask them whether they would be willing to take the painting as it is and put it into their arcade sales.

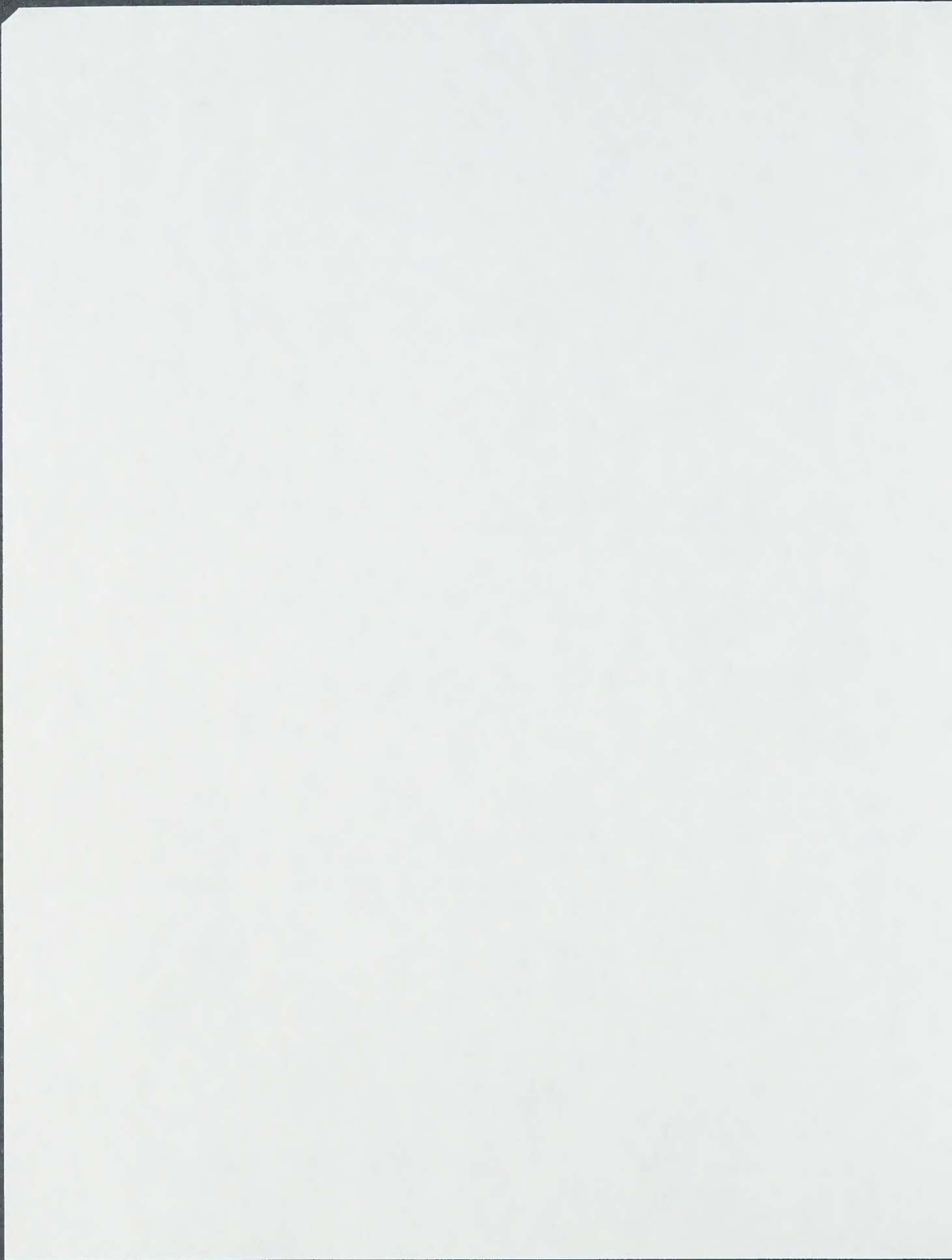
Joseph, I am sorry to have such disappointing news: Please just don't shoot the messenger.

With all good wishes from house to house, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

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April 5, 1996

Mr. Joseph Bender
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Dear Joseph:

I have thought carefully about your suggestion that I join you in buying American paintings from a large collection in New York City.

I had mentioned to you that I will be in New York in the middle of May, probably to view the Christie's and Sotheby's Old Master sales on May 15th and 16th.

I have enjoyed working with you in the past, buying two satisfactory paintings from you, but these were paintings which I understood, that is, Old Masters.

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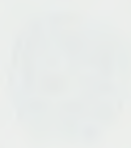
What is happening to Andy? In the past, he was always so careful in everything he did, answering promptly, and letting me know well in advance what his travel plans were. I have invited him to visit us in Milwaukee either in May or in August, but since my letter to him of March 15th, my calendar for May is rapidly filling up and we are leaving for England on May 25th. Please, Joseph, ask Andy to contact me.

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County of _____
State of Texas

I, _____, County Clerk of the County of _____, State of Texas, do hereby certify that _____ is the true and correct copy of the _____ of _____, as the same appears from the records of the County of _____, State of Texas.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County at _____, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 1900.



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LETTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Members:

Enclosed for you are the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 15th day of May, 1954.

Very truly yours,

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[Signature]

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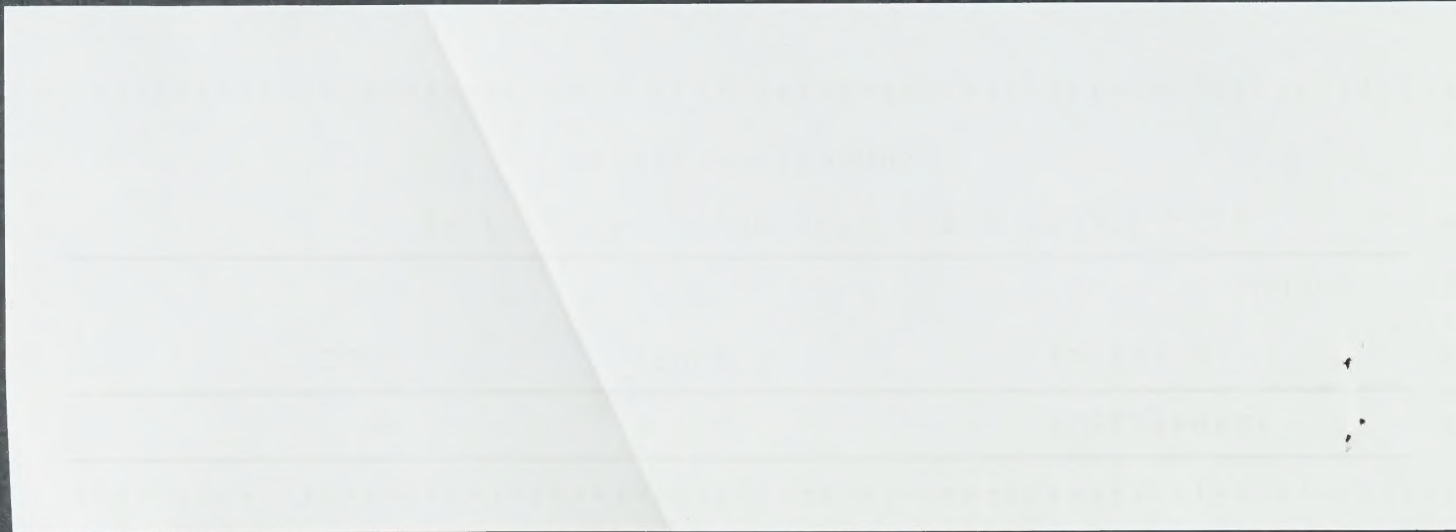
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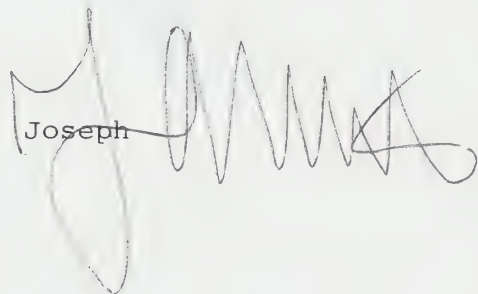
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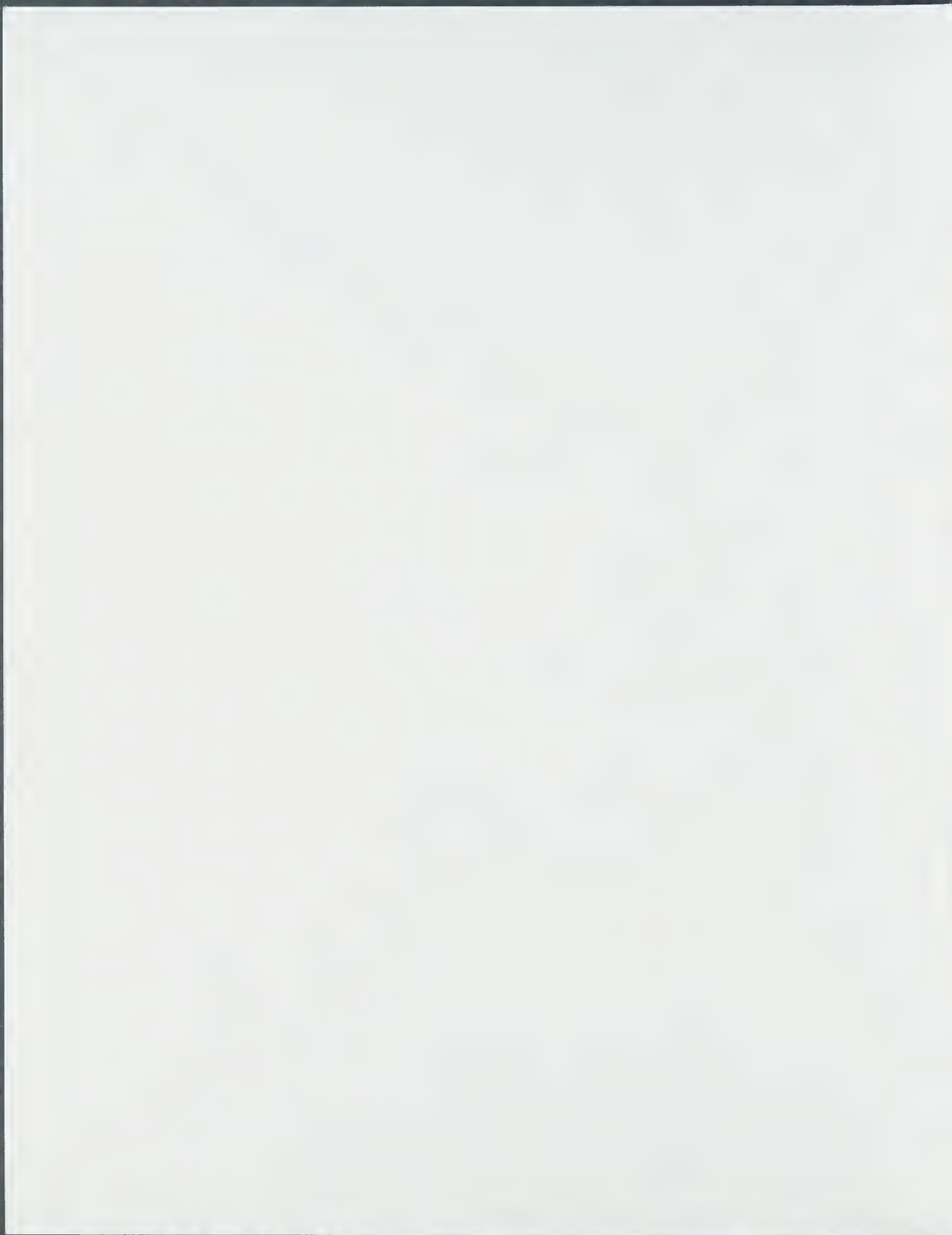
After our telephone conversation I added a few more photographs to the package.

I hope you will find something you are interested in.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Joseph 





ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

March 21, 1996

Mr. Joseph Bender
Bender Fine Arts Gallery
P.O. Box 231
Strasburg, VA 22657

Dear Joseph:

I return all of the photographs with a few estimates which are just that, taken from the photos you sent me.

Jim Horns in Minneapolis is a very able restorer. His address is 1313 - 5th Street S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55414. His phone number is 612/379-3813.

I hope to be able to come to New York for a day in May, and I will let you know well before I will be there.

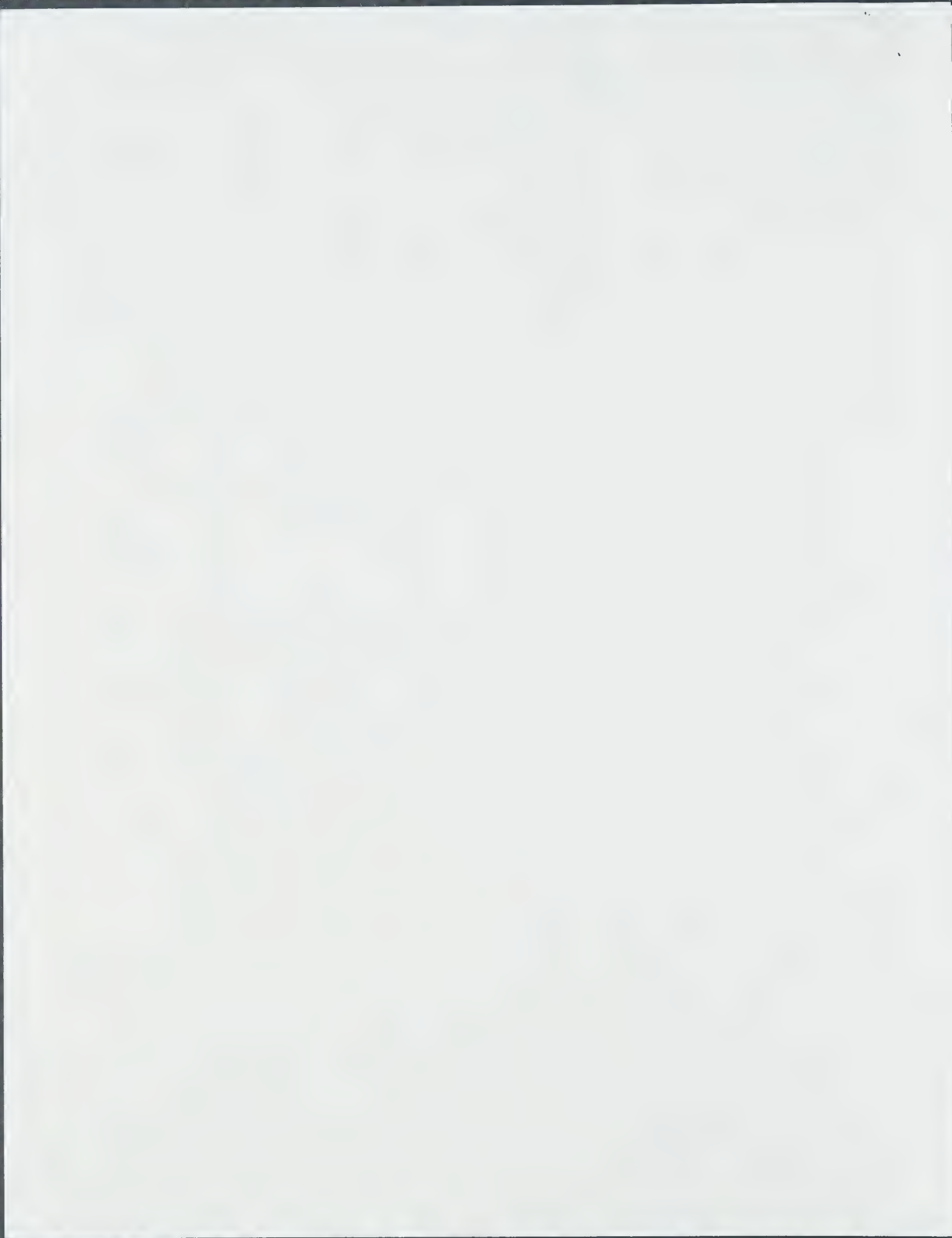
In the meantime, I do hope that Andy van Dam and perhaps you also can come and visit me in Milwaukee.

Best wishes to you and Andy, as always,

AB/cw

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Bender Fine Arts Gallery

Dr. Alfred Bader
Alfred Bader Fine Arts
924 East Juneau Ave
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

March 18, 1996

Dear Alfred,

It has been a long time we haven't spoken, I hope my letter will find you and your wife in good health.

I am sending the photograph of an oil painting on panel which depicts Arthur, the prince of Wales, the eldest brother of Henry VIII.

Measurements: 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Provenance: T.G. Mackinlay, Esq.F.S.A. London, England
Christie Manson & Woods LTD 1866

Capt. S.J. Boord, RN Emsworth, Hampshire, England

Mrs. Patricia Sasoon, daughter, VA

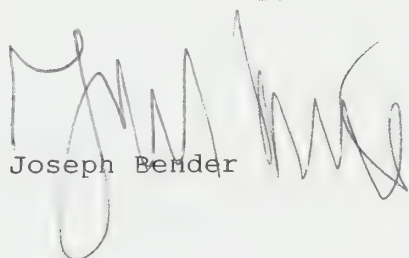
The price is \$6000.

I hope you are interested in this painting and we can do business again.

Please let me know about your opinion may be via fax and I also will try to reach you in a few days.

With all good wishes, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

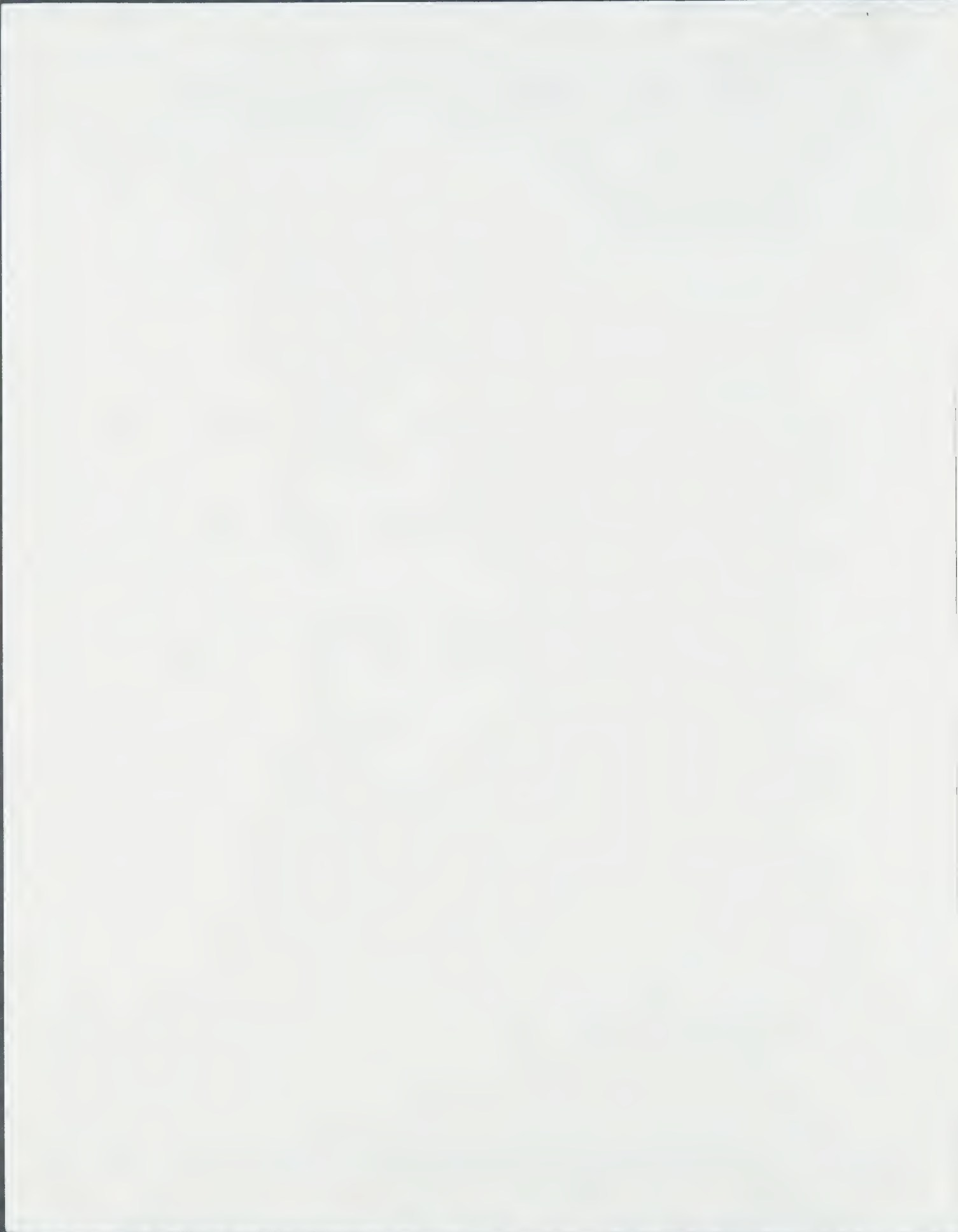

Joseph Bender

~~Please return the photographs after you finished.~~

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Dr. Alfred Bader
Alfred Bader Fine Arts
924 East Juneau Ave
Milwaukee Wisconsin 53202

October 2, 1995

Dear Alfred,

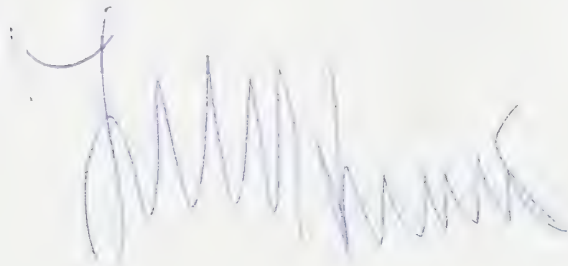
We would like to wish health and happiness for the New Year
for you and your family.

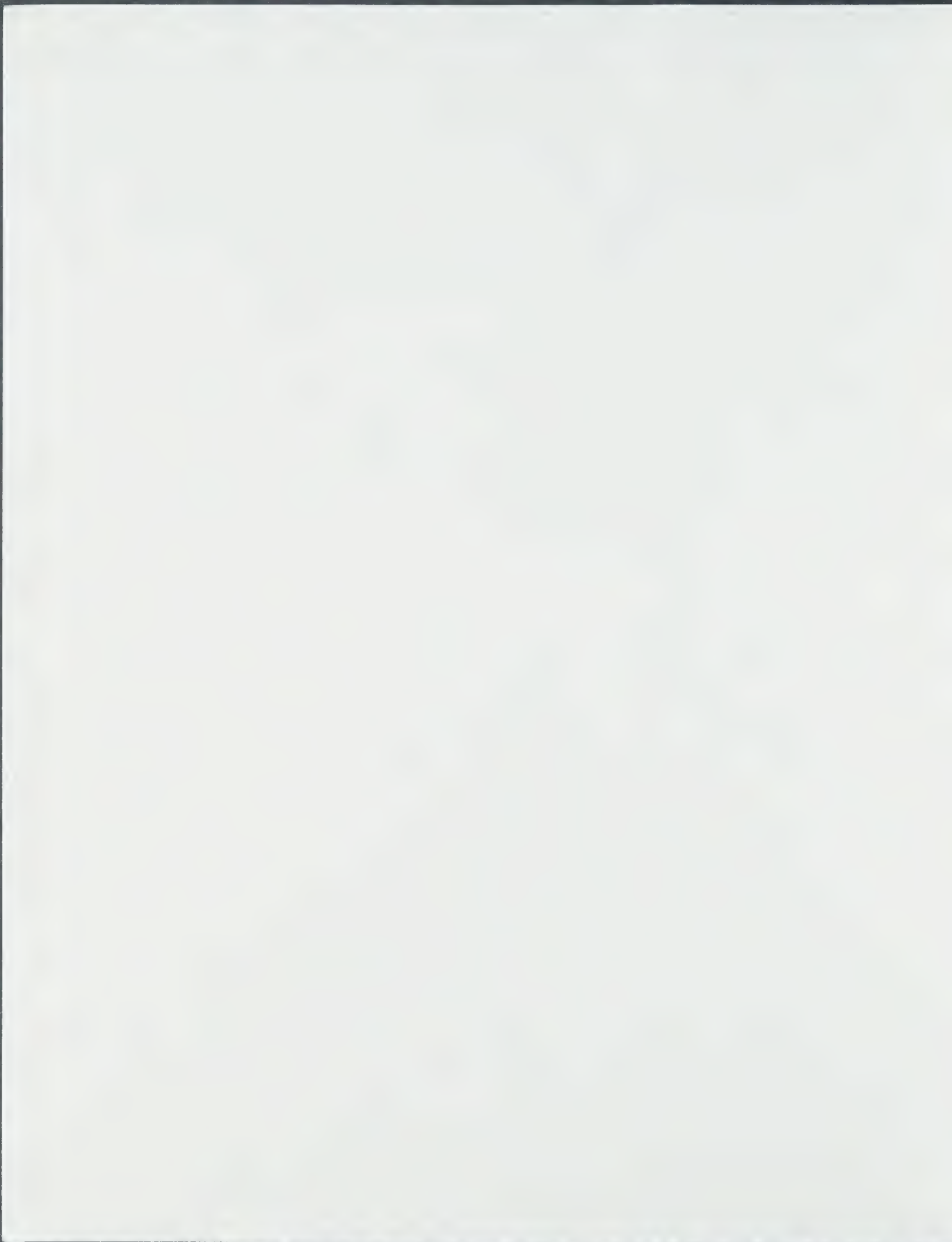
Enclosed I am sending some documentation regarding paintings
which have been offered to me. The prices you can find on the
cover sheets are the ones I was quoted for.

Should you have interest on any of the paintings I would be
happy to assist you to get it.

Please let me know about your opinion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Bader', written in a cursive style.



Bender Fine Arts Gallery

*Dr. Alfred Bader
Alfred Bader Fine Arts
924 East Juneau Ave.
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Dear Alfred,

August 14, 1995

Thank you for your fast response regarding the small oil on copper.

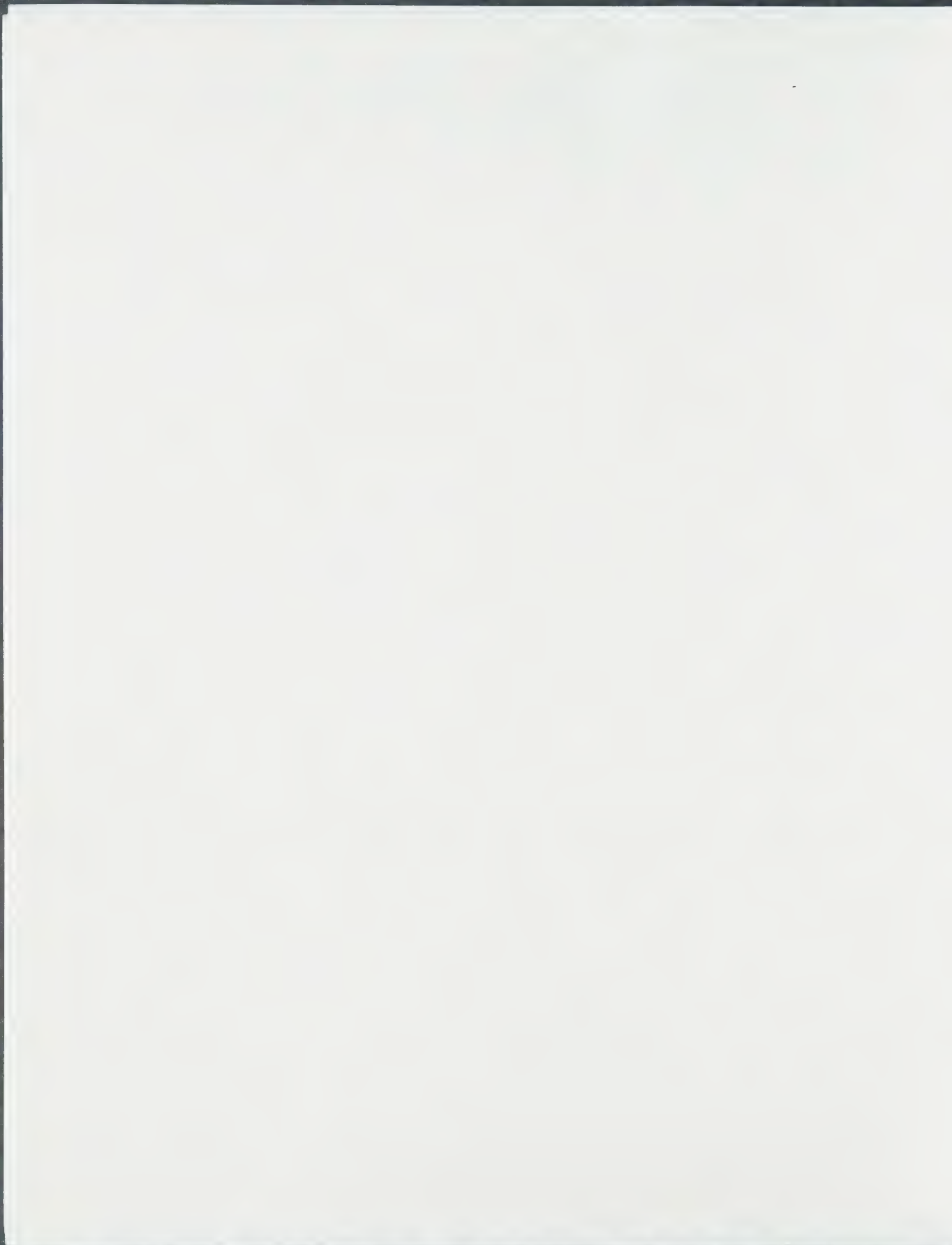
The asking price of the painting is \$4000.- and I have to return it or give an answer until Wednesday.

I will call you later today so we can discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Via Facsimile: 414-277-0709





ALFRED BADER FINE ARTS

DR. ALFRED BADER

ESTABLISHED 1961

August 10, 1995

Via Facsimile: 703/465-5378

Mr. Joseph Bender
Bender Fine Arts Gallery, Inc.
112 North Massanutten Street
Strasburg, VA 22657

Dear Joseph:

Thank you for the snapshots of that small oil on copper.

As you surely know, such religious paintings are not easy to sell, yet this is by no means bad quality.

I judge it to be a late 16th Century mannerist, probably Flemish.

Unfortunately, restoration of paintings on copper with such paint losses is not easy, but it can be done, though it will take a long time.

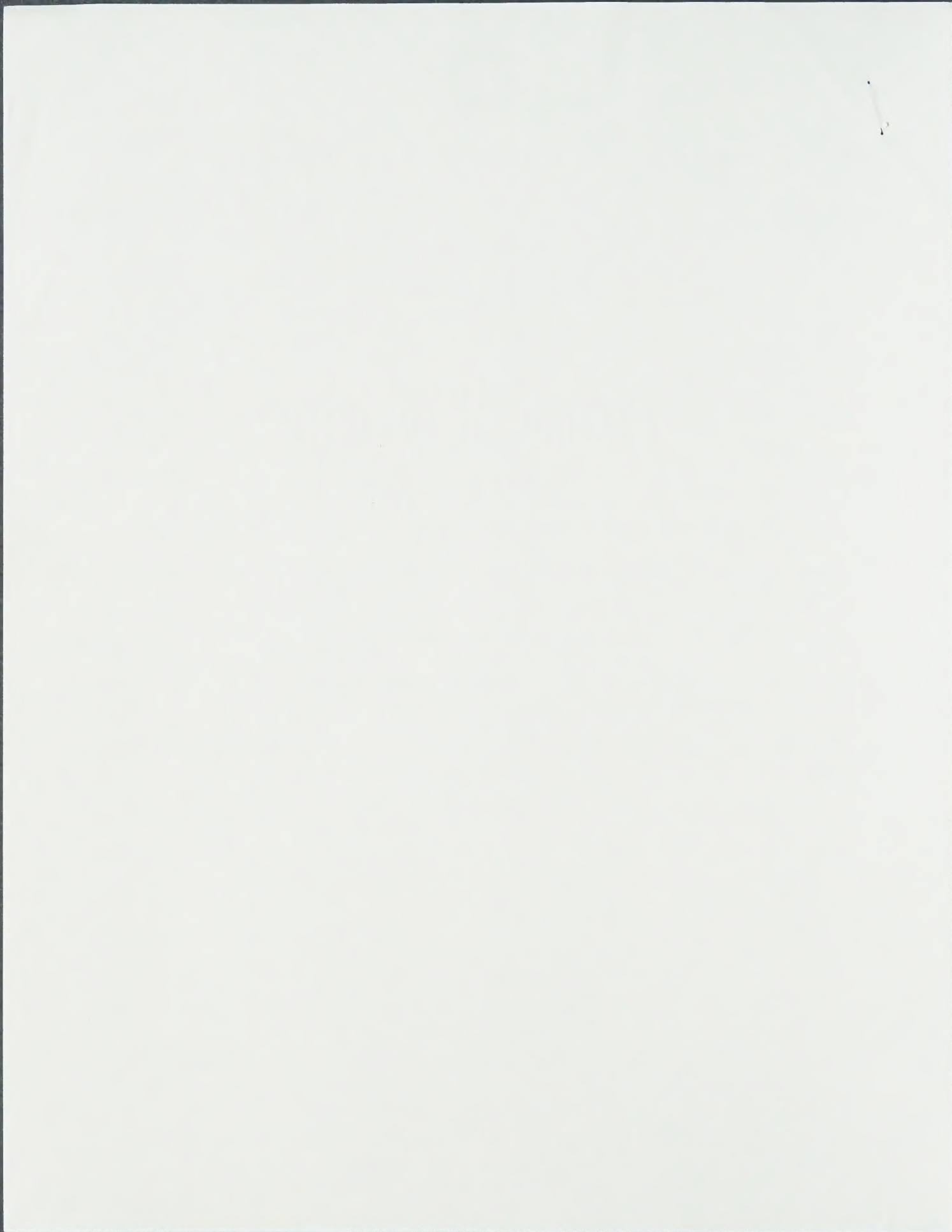
Do let me know what you have to get for this, and it would be nice if I could purchase a second painting from you.

With all good wishes, I remain,

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Dr. Alfred Bader
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Dear Alfred,

August 8, 1995

Enclosed please find photographs of a painting which I've been offered to buy. I'd like to know your opinion about it and if you have any interest in it.

The painting is on copper, size: H:7½" x W6 3/4"

The color of the photographs unfortunately are not realistic, the painting looks much brighter.

I hope that you and your wife are all right in this terrible heat.

I'm looking forward doing business with you.

Sincerely,

