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October 1, 1986

Mr. Paul E. Vetter
President
International Art Investment
P.O. Box 722
Nederland, Colorado 80466

Dear Mr. Vetter:

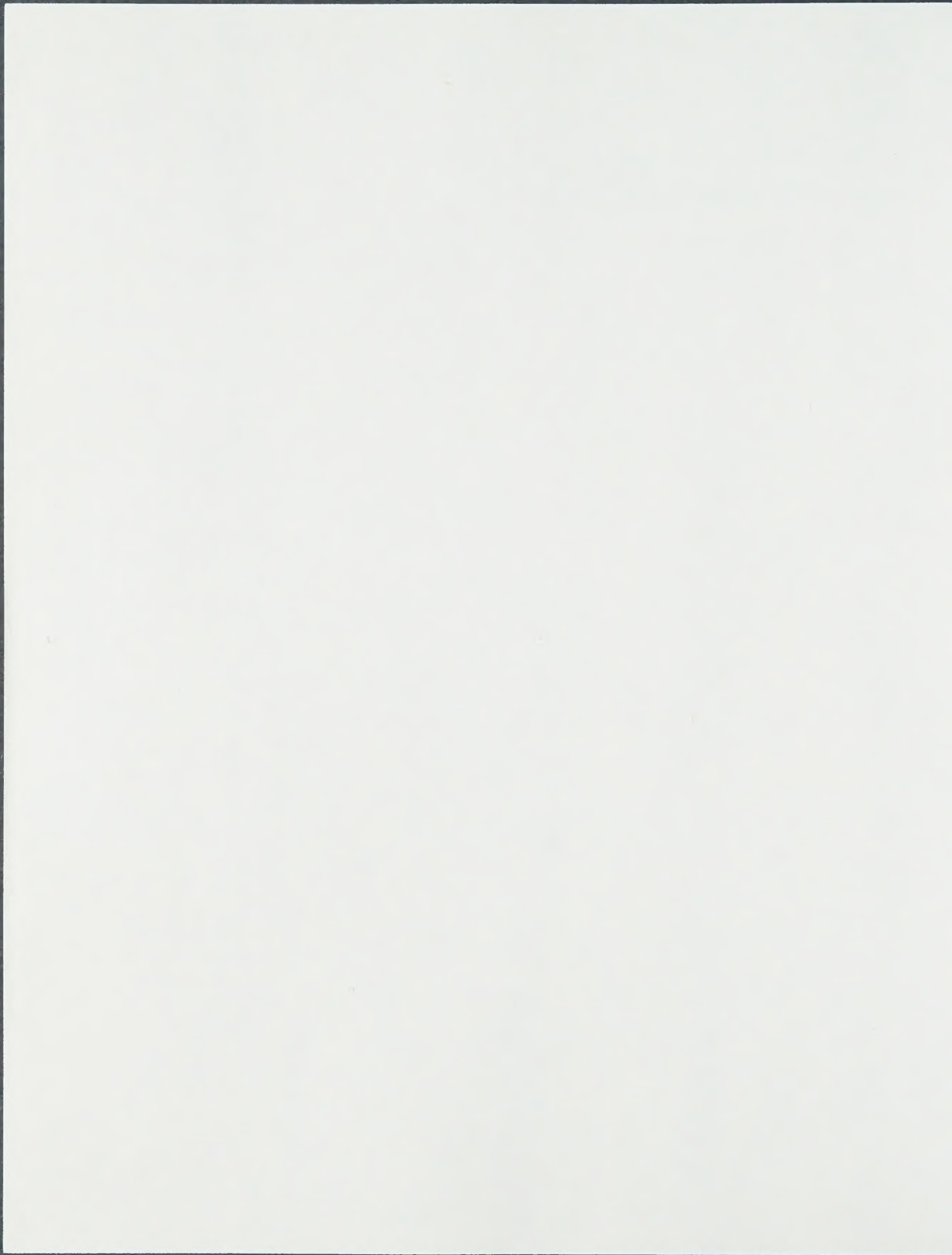
In response to your letter of September 23, I am not interested in that Study of a Boy, and I am convinced that it is not by Rubens.

Please don't send me further material. Incidentally, I have just been offered the Rubens which you offered me some weeks ago, albeit now, at a very much lower price. That painting really is a Rubens.

Sincerely,

Alfred Bader

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INTERNATIONAL ART INVESTMENT

P.O. BOX 722
NEDERLAND, COLORADO 80466
PHONE: (303) 447-2864

September 23, 1986

Dr. Alfred Bader
P.O. Box 355
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Dr. Bader,

Please find enclosed a transparency and documentation on another Rubens I have just acquired.

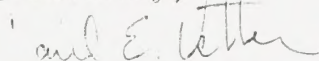
In 1983 or 1984, x-ray photographs were taken at the Museum for Old Masters in Munich (The Alte Pinakothek). The Director Professor Sonnenburg has also inspected it under infrared. The result was, that it is in almost immaculate condition with slight restoration on the left upper lip and on the little finger above the grapes. Otherwise the painting is pure.

The x-ray photographs, which I did not include as they are oversized, reveal that it was painted on two oak boards, cut from the same piece of wood (no line visible from the front) and has no other painting or drawing underneath, which could only have been done by a master like Rubens.

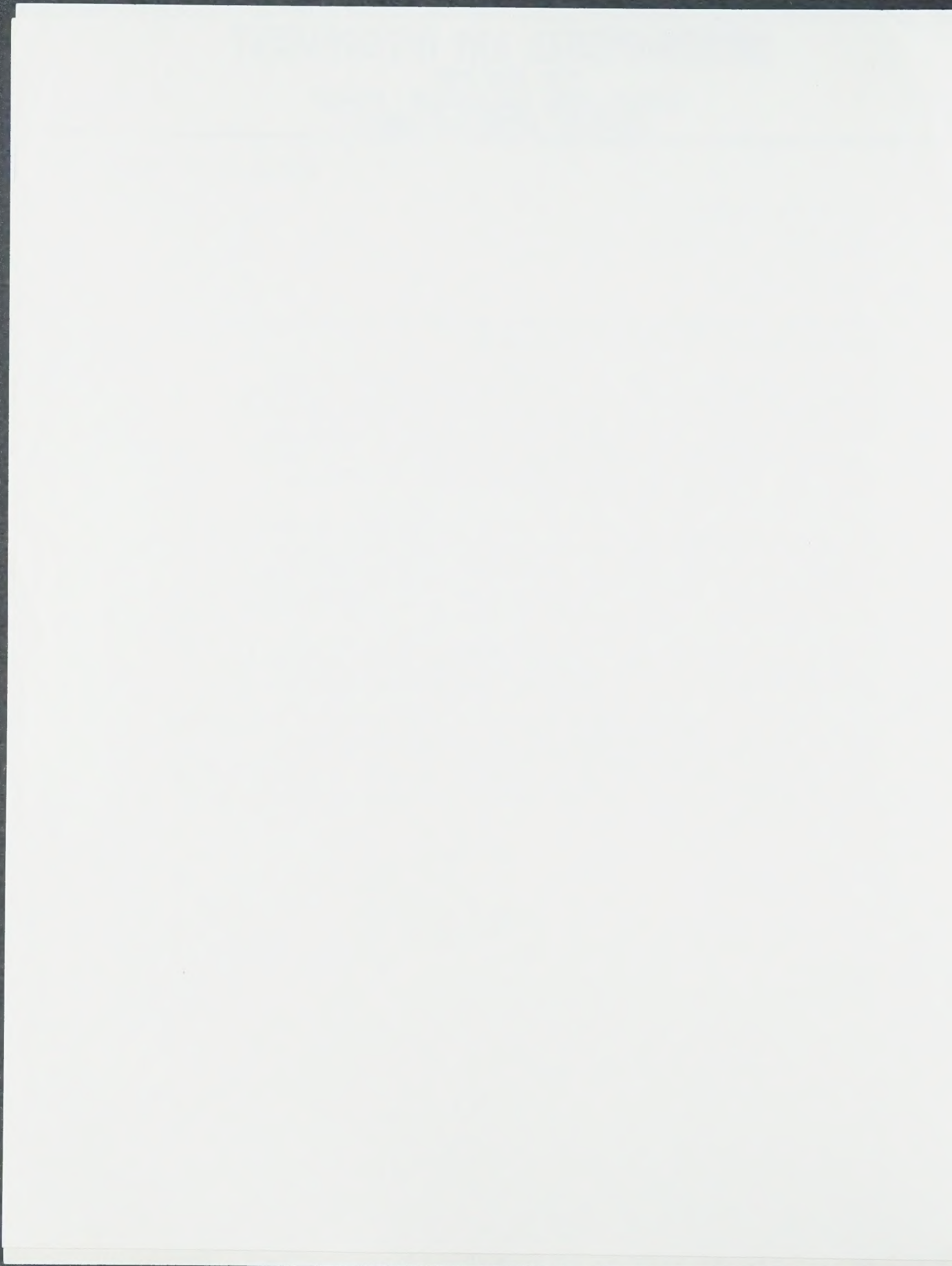
If the painting seems a bit van Dycky, you must remember that it was painted in Ruben's last year of life when he and van Dyck were great friends, influencing each other.

I thought this might interest you. If you are not interested, please return the transparency as it is my only one. According to my information, Dr. Julius Held has also examined the painting about five years ago. I have been unable to get ahold of his report. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Vetter
President

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September 10, 1986

Mr. Paul E. Vetter
International Art Investment
P.O. Box 722
Nederland, Colorado 80466

Dear Mr. Vetter:

In response to your kind letter of September 5, I would like to tell you that I have no interest whatsoever in the small painting on copper and return the snapshot.

The sketch by Rubens is undoubtedly a very fine work, and I am handicapped by not having a good photograph of the sketch, only a photograph of the finished painting in Lyons. However, I do not believe that even a very fine sketch by Rubens in very good condition, is not really worth \$650,000.00, and so I would like to pass.

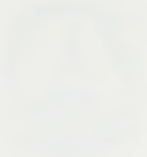
Thank you for thinking of me.

Sincerely,

Alfred Bader

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September 5, 1986

Dr. Alfred Bader
P. O. Box 355
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Sir,

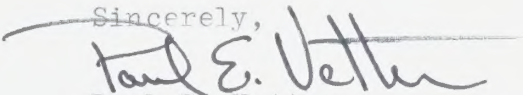
Please find enclosed a copy of the fact sheet and report by Julius Held on the Rubens. Please excuse the poor quality of the copy but it is all I have. The price is \$650,000.00. Time is of the essence in terms of response because my exclusive expires in two weeks. This does not mean I will not have access to the painting, it will just be more difficult. The painting is in Switzerland but can be brought here with money in escrow and shipping plus insurance costs guaranteed.

Also enclosed is a photograph of a Casper Netscher I thought might interest you. Information is as follows:

Casper Netscher: "Mars and Venus", circa 1639 - 1684,
oil on copper, 9" x 13" (unframed),
10 1/2" x 14" (framed), signed
C. Netscher.
Price: \$12,000.00.

Looking forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,


Paul E. Vetter
President

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Dr. Albert Einstein
280, New York
Albany, N.Y. 12201

Dear Sir,

I have just received a copy of the book which you have
written on the subject of the atom. I have read the
entire book and it is very good. The book is
written in a simple and clear manner. It is
written in a way that is easy to understand. I
will have a copy of the book for my collection.
I will have a copy of the book for my collection.
I will have a copy of the book for my collection.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that
I have read your book. I am sure that you will
be pleased to hear that I have read your book.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover
Director, FBI, Washington, D.C.

I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

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