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Mr. James W. Newton 110 Bellview San Antonio, Texas 78209

Dear Jim:

As you will be able to imagine, I have thought a good deal about the paintings you offered me. Unfortunately, I have had to decide that I will not buy any of them. All are of good quality, but very expensive.

The painting that intrigues me the most is the one which has been called "Goya." It may well be by Goya, but I am afraid that the face has been over cleaned, and you will never know until that ugly varnish is taken off. To gamble many thousands of dollars to what may be close to a wreck really doesn't make sense.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

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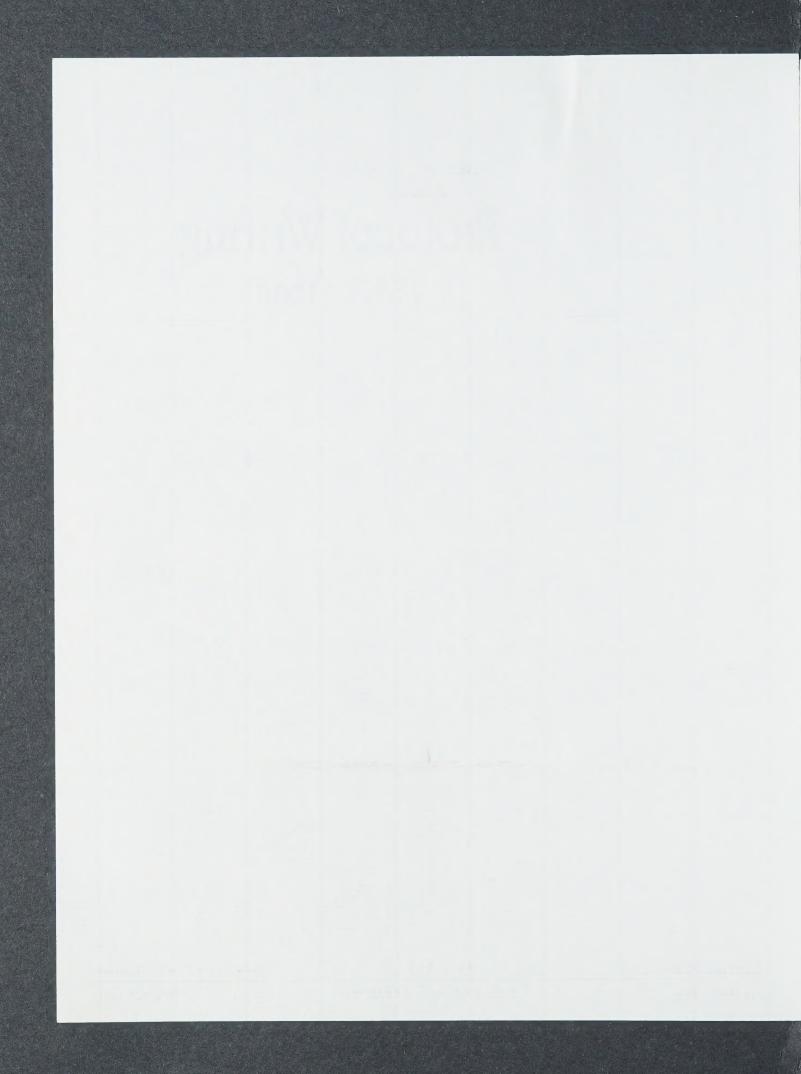
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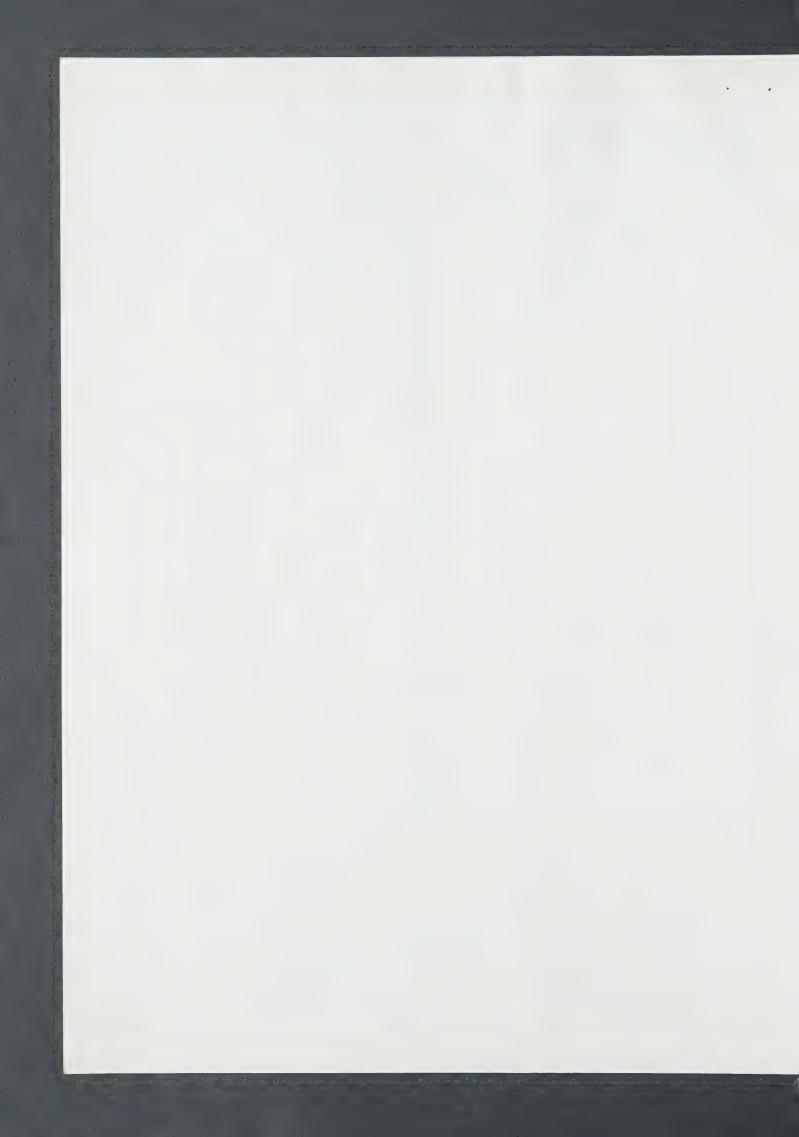


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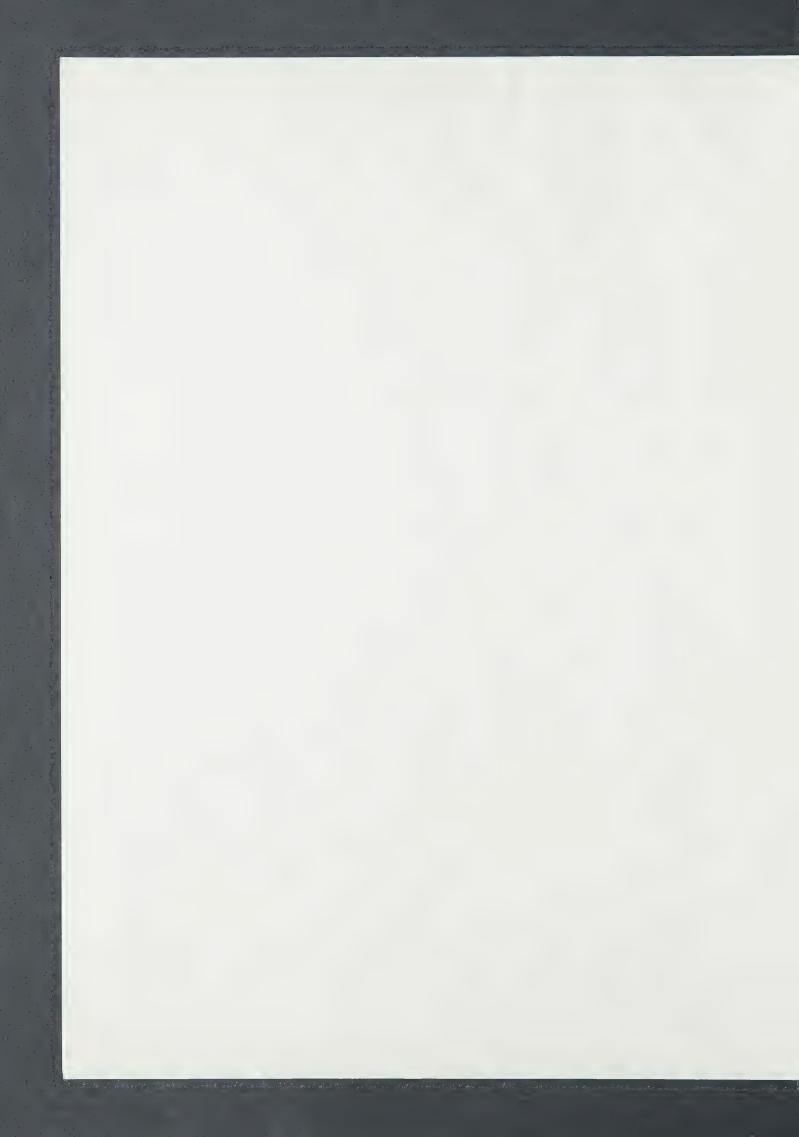
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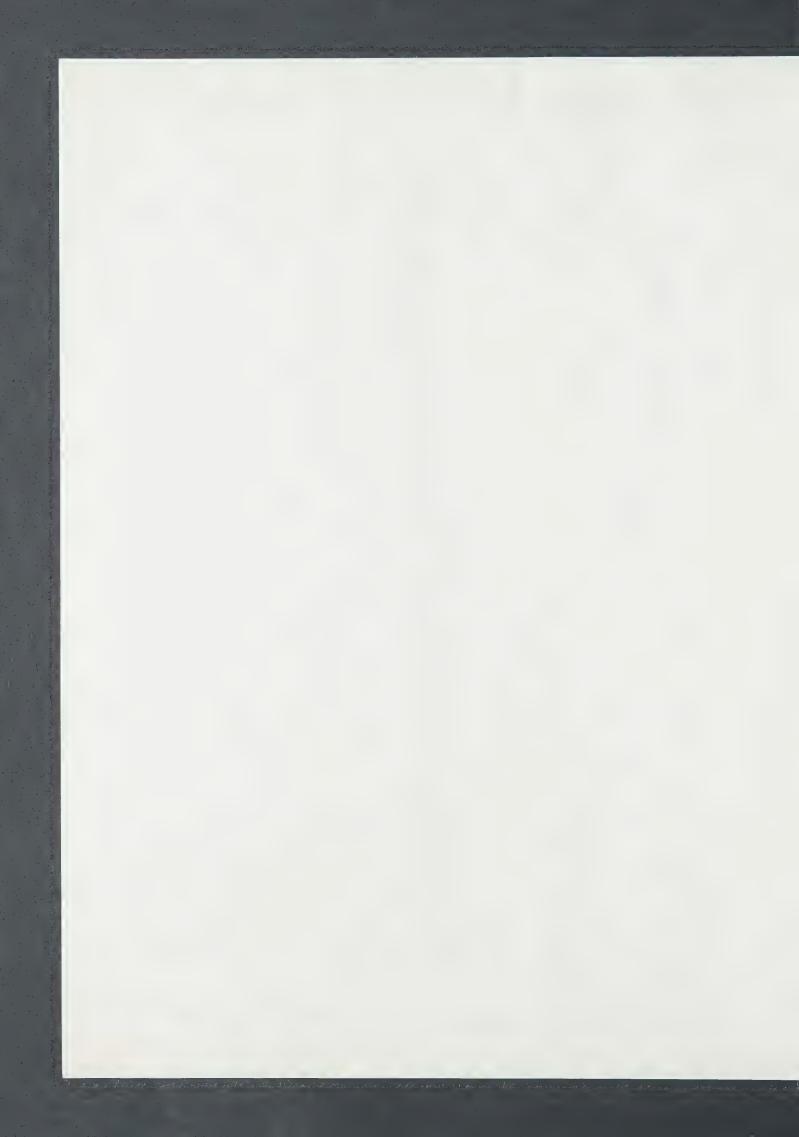
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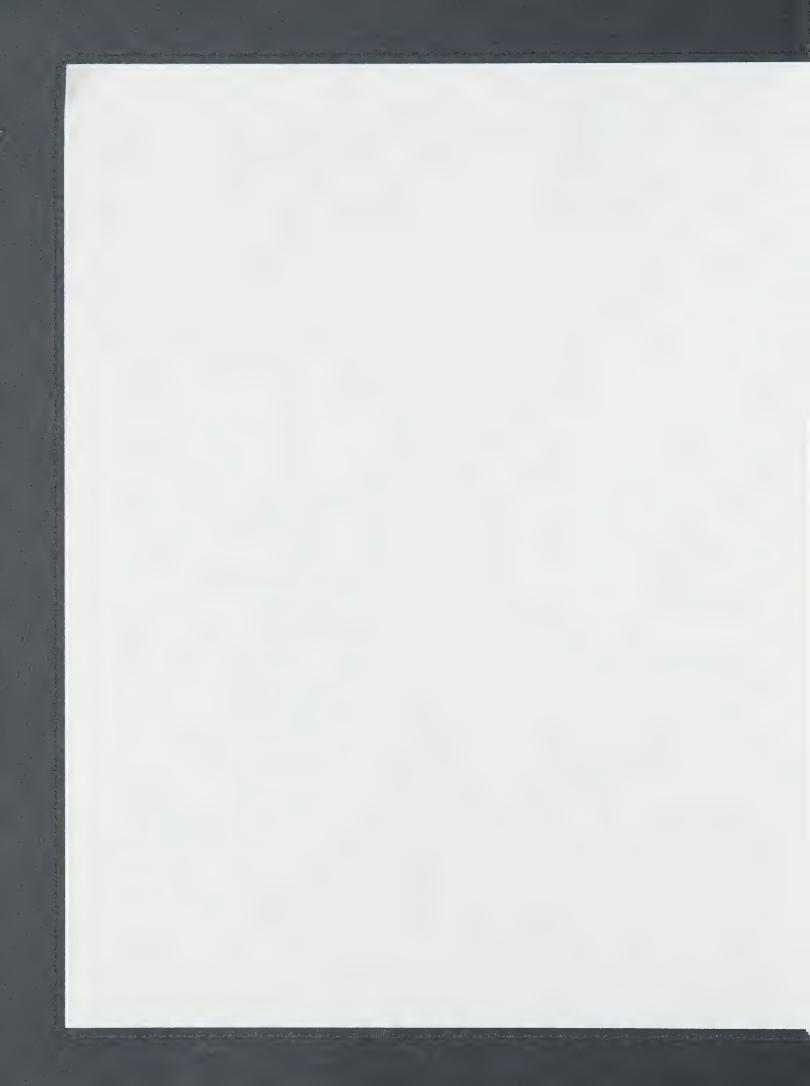
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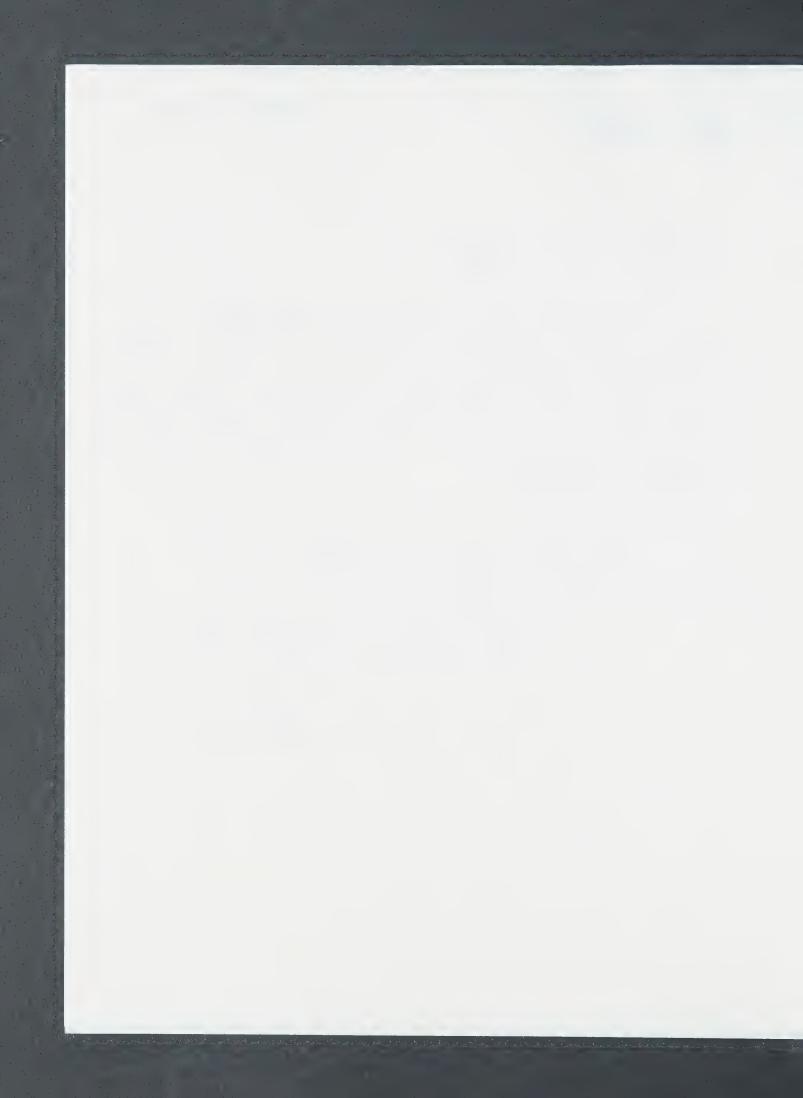
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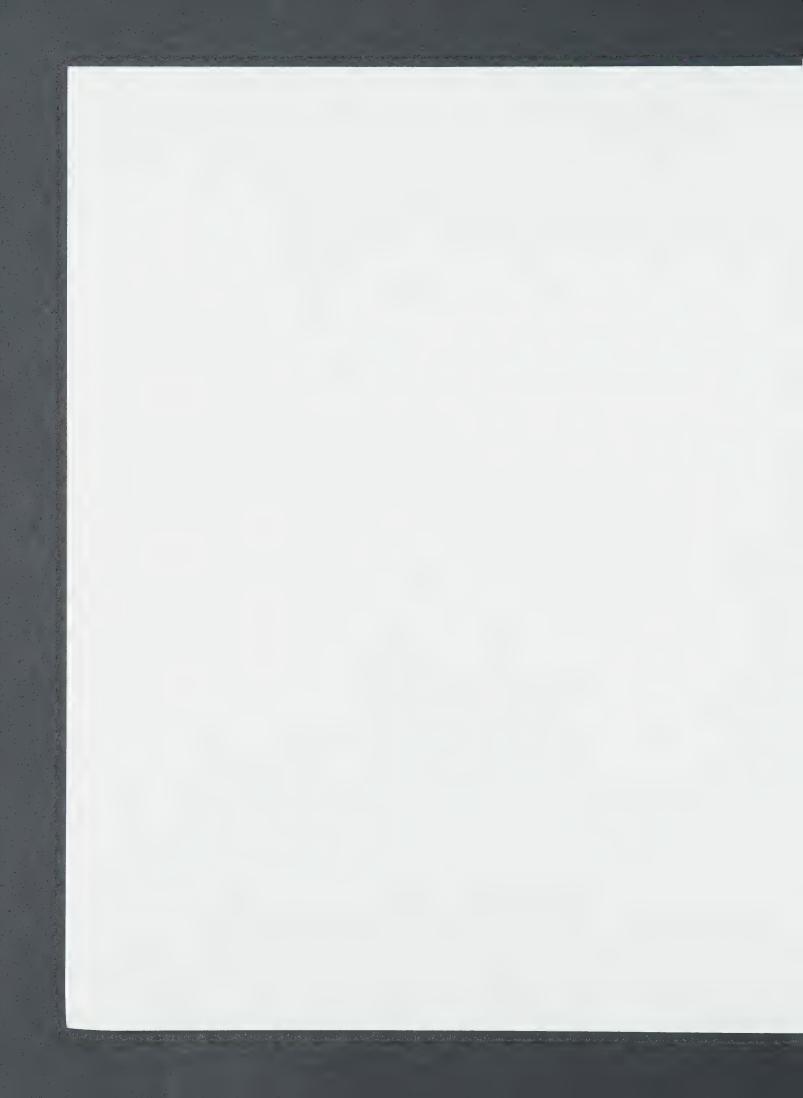
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Dear Jim:

I still remember with great pleasure the hours we spent together in San Antonio.

I am still thinking about that fine painting attributed to Goya, but as you know neither Gassier & Wilson nor Gudiol list it, surely for some reason that I don't know. This does not change the fact that it is a fine painting.

Please do not forget to send me a photograph of your Franciscan Monk by Signorelli.

What did you find out in your discussion with Mrs. Moorman about that portrait of a handsome man? I understand the lady at the museum telling us that this painting is Bredius No. 245. As you will see from the enclosed, this is, indeed, a portrait of a handsome man, but it doesn't really look like the painting I remember. There are two possibilities: either the painting has been cleaned and has changed radically in the cleaning, or the painting was simply thought to be of the type of Bredius 245. Please let me know.

Also, please give our best regards to Mr. Baltuskonis.

All good wishes,

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Dear Alfred

Many thanks for your fax, and now for your letter with enclosures. I tried hard to find a better reproduction of the Goya, but neither the V & A (surprising!) nor the London Libray have either of the editions of August Mayer's book. I was not able to see it, however, in either Gassier & Wilson or Gudiol, and I feel that they must have passed it up for a reason, so I would need a good deal of convincing to come to a different conclusion. Now I have the colour photograph, however, I will go and check it out in the Witt.. It looks better in the reproduction than I feared.

I cannot work up any chlusiasm for the others - not even the putative Guercino, which I should find very difficult to sell. I suspect that the Sorolla is OK, but I know nothing about the market for such things. We will send the photos back to you next week. I will go and look at the 'Circle of Guercino' at Chrsitic's in South Kensington, although I will be on my way to Holland on the day of the sale. I spoke with Richard Charlton-Jones about the commissions etc at Sotheby's, and I think we shall have no problem in matching the terms you enjoy in N.Y.

I have sold the Willem van Nieulandt (19,400.00), and should be able to account for it soon. I wish I could say that I have had the same good fortune with some of the other pictures, but the going remains extremely slow, and it is very difficult to get a positive outcome. I have several insitutions interested in the Ricci, both in this country and abroad, but a sale reains so far elusive. I am going to show the Procaccini to the National Gallery in Washington for the second time the week after next, and this time Peter Bowron will come with the restorer from the N G. David Bull. We have so far only done a couple of tests on it, but it does look wonderful - for example, a bright electric blue where a dull green was barely visible. I have also bought a magnificent frame of c 1600, from the Farnese collection, which fits the picture exactly when it is back to its original dimensions. This is all very exciting to see, and I feel much more confident now in proceeding with the cleaning if the N G is not going to make a priority of its acquisition. I would like to show it at Grosvenor House.

The little Cavalier d'Arpino is magnificent, and I think I have found a period frame to to it justice. I thought in the end that the Sansovino one from the 'Cantarini' was not really suitable, and the one I have found is perfect., and the right size. I am hoping that I may be able to use the frame from the Koninck (an English swept frame of c 1760) on the Zuccarelli, as long as it is not too difficult to adapt. I shall be having John Davies make a brown ripple frame with a gilt sight edge for the Koninck.

Work is going well on the latter - I will send you a black and white photograph of it as it appeared with all retouchings removed. The sky had basically been totally gone over after a somewhat brutal cleaning in the past, possibly with sulphuric acid, so Tommaso tells me. The sky will emerge as a much more subtle element in the picture, as sophisticated as the recession in the landscape itself.

Finally, I have a positive lead on the Lanfranco - I went to Rome recently, and seem to have managed to interest the Vatican (as the original altarpiece was painted for St Peter"s). So we keep our fingers crossed! We are going to Maastricht next week, but only to look (& definitely not to buy!)

Your ever

Clovis Whitfield

