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Mr. Paul Burg
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Dear Paul:

Thank you so much for kind letter of February 15.

Isabel and I plan to fly to Anaheim via the Los Angeles airport to give the Parsons Award address, a monkey suit affair, on Saturday evening, April 1. Sunday we are pretty free and for Monday through Wednesday, we'll be very busy. Might you have a little time to get together on Sunday? Unfortunately, we do not have a car and I don't know how far it is from Anaheim to Palos Verdes.

Thank you for arranging to send me your most interesting large Spectrum catalogue.

I don't know whether you are still involved in the company and so would like my objective comments.

Visually, the catalogue looks very fine but it is so strange to receive such a catalogue in a box 5 or 6 times bigger than it has to be, with a lot of packing.

I presume that Mr. Terry Scanlan, your new president, has been hand-picked by you. He certainly looks intelligent and alert in the photograph on the inside front cover.

By and large, the organic chemical nomenclature is correct except for repeated errors in hyphenation. Take, for instance, page C-373: Methyl p-Hydroxybenzoate should not be hyphenated. On the other hand, *a*-Methylionone should be one word.

The rules of correct hyphenation are really very simple and I could teach the person in charge in less than half an hour how to do the hyphenation exactly.

You may have seen the last SAF full page inside back cover advertisement in C&E News, containing no less than three spelling errors. It is amazing that a company would spend many thousands of dollars to run an advertisement, which really isn't very good, and then not to proof-read it.

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But we all make such mistakes, as you can see from your own stationary, where clearly the word 'Manufacturing' has not been proof-read.

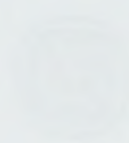
Paul, please don't shoot the messenger.

It would be great to be able to get together with you and laugh about all this.

Best personal regards,

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February 15, 1995

Dr. Alfred Bader
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Dear Alfred,

Thank you for your note of January 24 letting me know that you'll be attending the ACS meeting the beginning of April. Please let me know when it would be convenient for you and your wife to be my guest in Palos Verdes, where we live — it would be a great pleasure to have you to dinner.

Our 95-96 catalog is just off the press and I'll send you a copy.

Best regards,



Gardena, CA

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Dear Alfred

I am looking forward to seeing you on April 3. We will pick you up from your hotel at 9:00 am. My home telephone number is (310) 375-1342.

The weather here is very nice now; we hope to have the same in April, so dress lightly. I hope you will have a joyous Purim tonight and leave some of the Megillah for Monday, April 3.

Best wishes,

Paul



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biology people are generating lots of proteins. They don't know whether they're folded correctly. We can look at them in an afternoon and tell them if they're folded correctly. An NMR person has to take a year. We're in a position to provide quick, reliable structural information."

Diem comments that Keiderling "has established VCD as a totally viable and very sensitive technique. Very early on he dared to go into these large molecules. The scientific community has not yet fully understood the significance of this work." Diem considers that the use of VCD to study large biological molecules is still in its infancy.

Diem is currently more interested in smaller molecules. He points out that VCD is a particularly sensitive probe for the conformation of various peptide turns. The technique, he notes, "can distinguish various solution conformations of model peptides which contain turn motifs."

"We have just identified the VCD signatures of two common peptide turns," says Diem. "We hope that later on we can use and search for these signatures to identify the turns in larger peptides and proteins. At the moment, we're looking at very small model systems which we know contain these turns."

In recent work at the City University of New York, Diem's group has studied specifically designed peptides that are "covalently forced into a turn." One of these is the tetrapeptide cysteine-proline-alanine-cysteine. The molecule is forced into a turn by formation of an internal sulfur-sulfur linkage between the two cysteines. "What really surprises us," says Diem, "is the enormous flexibility these turns exhibit, although the molecular models suggest quite rigid and inflexible structures."

Carbohydrates give excellent ROA spectra with strong signals characteristic of the key components of carbohydrate structure. These include the orientation of OH substituents, the anomeric preference, the conformation of exocyclic CH₂OH groups, and glycosidic linkages. Barron's group at Glasgow has published a paper on the determination of disaccharide solution stereochemistry from ROA spectra [*J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, 116, 5155 (1994)]. The paper includes an assignment map for ROA signatures of carbohydrates containing D-glucose residues.

Amino acids, peptides, and proteins also show strong ROA signals. The Glasgow team has identified several independent signatures of α -helix and β -sheet secondary conformation elements present in proteins and also characteristic ROA bands probably associated with loops and reverse turns. These loops and reverse turns are "not amenable to study using conventional spectroscopy techniques," according to Barron and Hecht.

Barron and Hecht have used the ROA spectrum of bovine serum albumin in water as a model for recognizing rigid loop features in proteins. Bovine serum albumin has 17 disulfide links and as a result many double loops. These, suggest Barron and Hecht, are responsible for the strong positive band at 1,340 cm⁻¹.

The relative merits of VCD and ROA were also subject to some debate at the Glasgow meeting. "The main advan-

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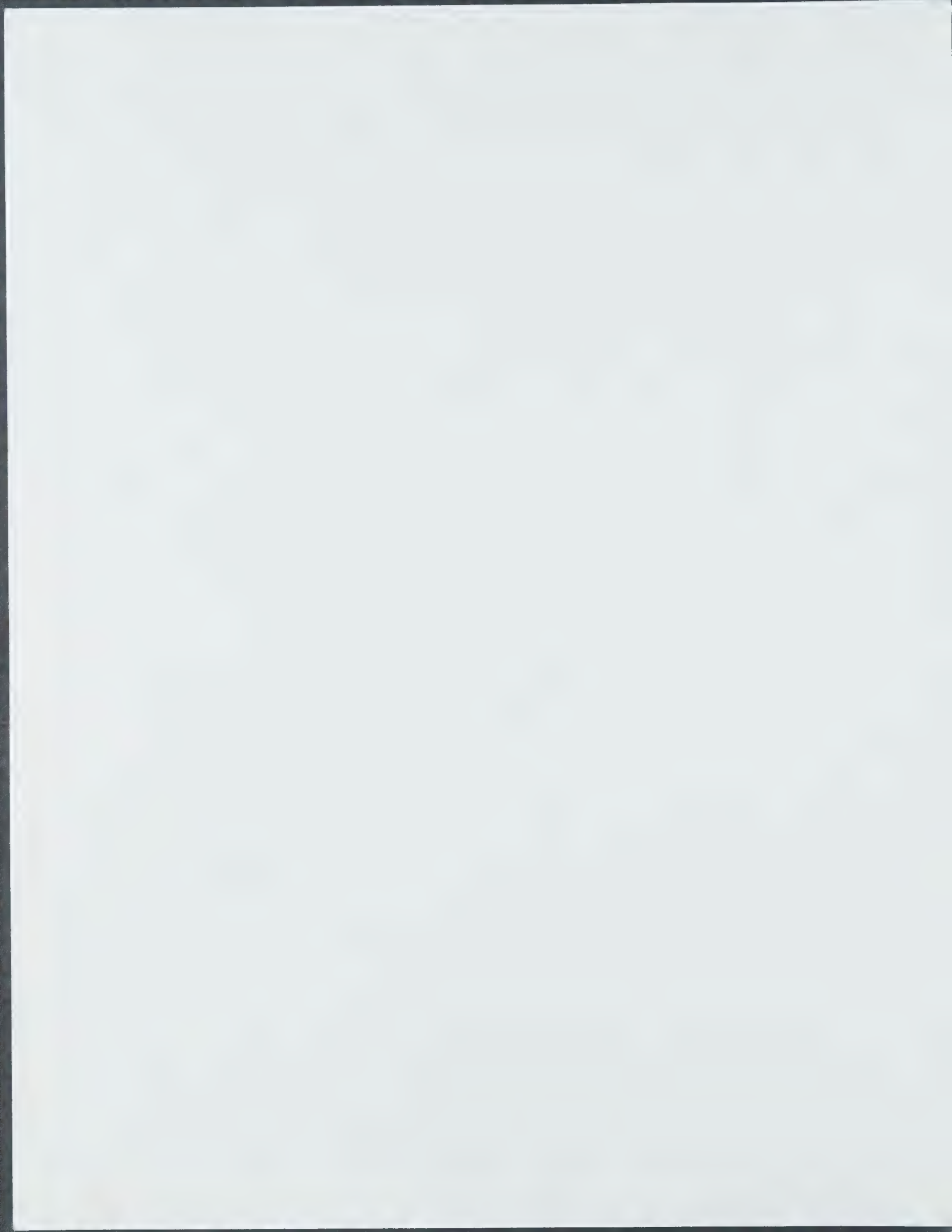
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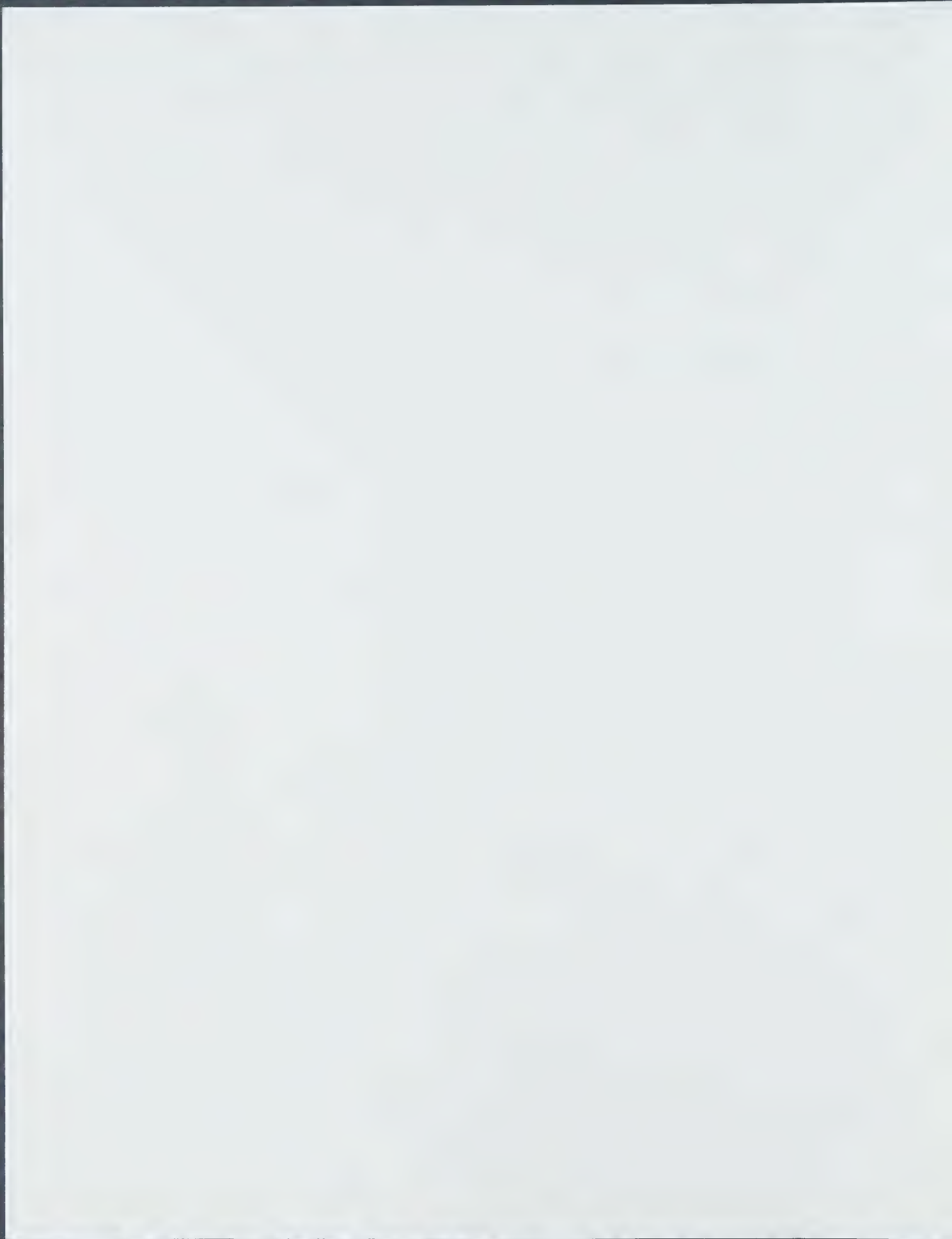
Dear Paul,

I just saw your advertisement urging me to re-acquaint myself with Spectrum, which is now an employee-owned company. Just what does that mean? Did Fisher renege on their promise?

I plan to be at the Anaheim ACS meeting during the first week in April, and it would give me great pleasure if we could get together then.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,





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Dear Paul:

The best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go astray.

I attach a truly moving letter from a very old man, over 90, a serious collector of art, who would love to see us in Santa Monica on Sunday, April the 2nd. I find it very difficult to say 'no' to such an appeal, and if he can figure out some way that we can get from Anaheim to Santa Barbara without having to drive ourselves, we really do want to see the man. He is 92, and even Isabel and I are getting older!

Thus, unfortunately, we have to say 'no' to meeting with you and Rodica on the Sunday.

Late Monday afternoon and that evening, we're tied up, but we're relatively free on Monday morning and early afternoon.

Unfortunately, I don't really know how far Palos Verdes is from Anaheim, but could we perhaps have breakfast or lunch together on the Monday without inconveniencing you?

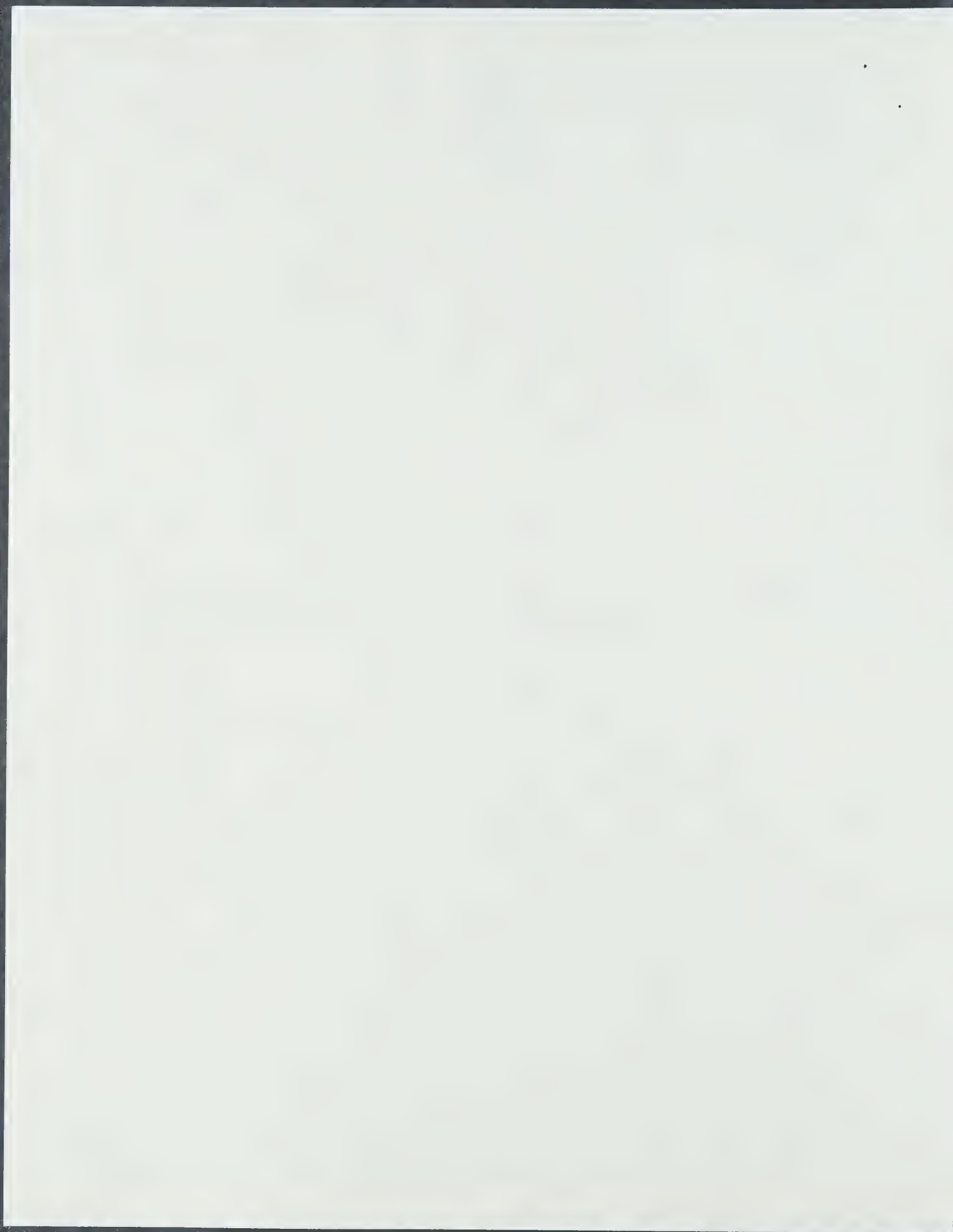
I met some more Spectrum people at the Pittsburgh Conference in New Orleans and was really well-impressed by them.

Fond regards from house to house,

AB/cw

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March 7, 1995

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Dear Dr. Bader,

The news that you are not coming on April 2nd is very sad indeed. I fully understand that you do not want to drive for the many hours. This has been on my mind even before reading your objections. You and Mrs. Bader's visit would have been of such importance to me. My doctor told me nine years ago when I first met him, after my return to Montecito, that all I needed was stimulation. His diagnosis has been correct and your visit would have been the ideal cure for what the doctor ordered.

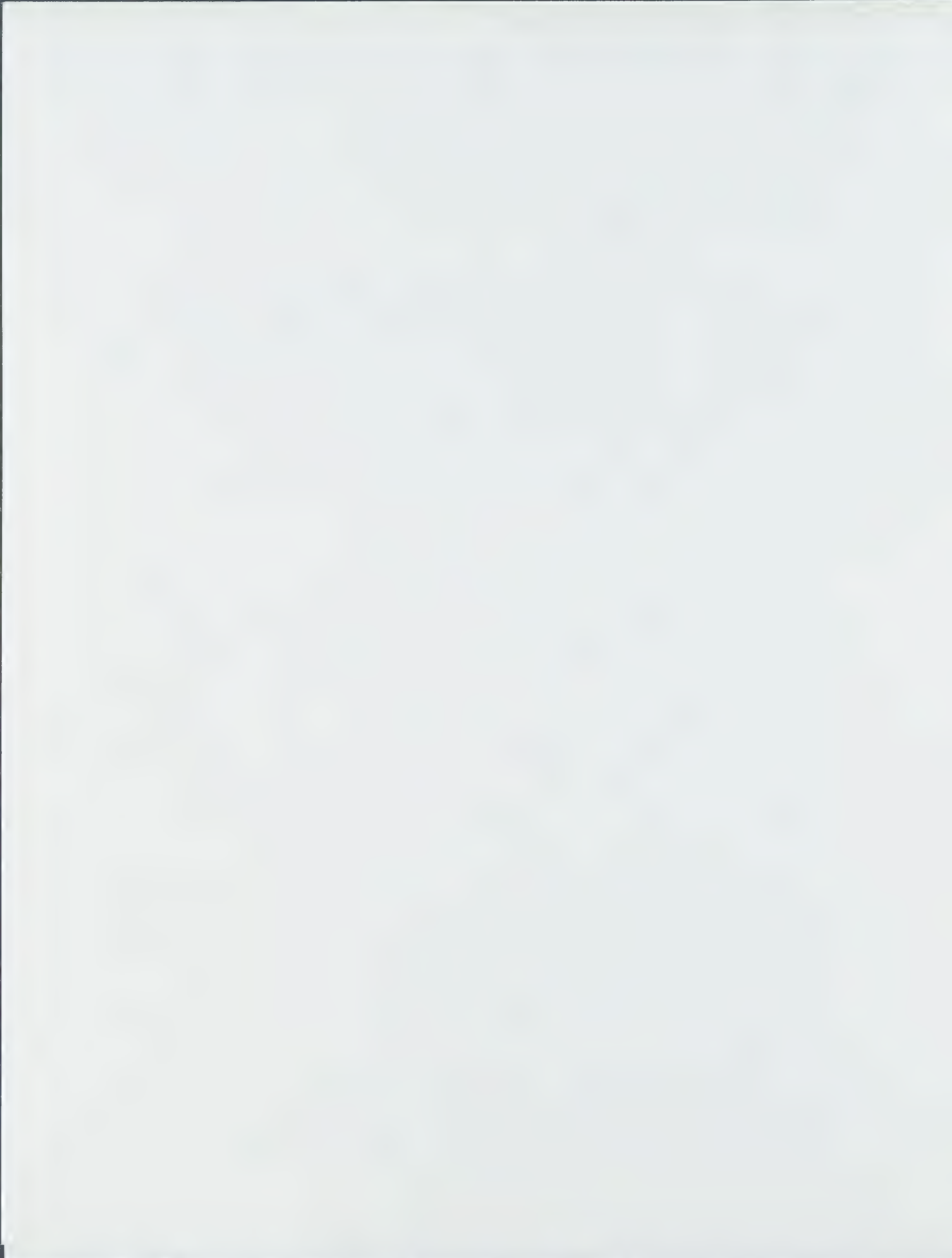
I am glad that you are planning a visit in Ventura, but whether it will happen in my lifetime is not so sure. Now I would have been able to be in acceptable form for your visit, but there is no guarantee for the future. I am as anxious as Mrs. Bader to exchange our impressions about theatre in London and Berlin.

This will be my greatest loss in this situation. Would you consider coming here if I can find someone to call for you in Anaheim and bring to Santa Barbara and return you to Anaheim? The ideal situation would be if you could spend the night here. There is so much to talk about and I have already prepared a considerable amount of photos, correspondence, newspaper articles, and so on which concern the themes mentioned before.

I do not want to bother you, but I feel the time and energy you and I have spent on my collection should not be deprived of results. If my health does not deteriorate, I want to write two more books; one which may be very successful about my drawings, where I found them at modest prices, how they were recognized and went on to museums, private collectors, prominent dealers, etc. But for this, I need financial security for at least one year. There should be a way to come to an understanding if your interest is still alive; otherwise, I must try under great pressure to sell my collection in separate pieces.

I was delighted reading in your biography that you intend to convert the English Castle into an annex to Queens University. Our friend David McTavish knew my collection very well; he has made an extensive list of my drawings which he wanted to acquire for Toronto. He was able to acquire only four; Pellegrino Tibaldi (22), Luca Cambiaso (28), now attributed to Fra Semplice in master drawings (45), De Marchis (111), and Hubert Robert (144), in The Arts of Italy in Toronto Collections 1300-1800. He recently confirmed that drawings from my collection, I intended to leave to the Art department of Queens University would be very welcome.

You mentioned that you did not know enough about the value of drawings. I wonder whether you follow the result in the big sales rooms. In Christie's New York sale of 12th of January, two Guercinos were sold, one at ninety thousand dollars and the other for seventy thousand dollars. They could not compare with the



exquisite drawing of The Prodigal Son that was sold a few years ago to a gentleman in London who I understand bought it for you. They also could not compare with any of my three early Guercinos; all accepted by Nicholas Turner and Denis Mahon and then reproduced; one in the British museum and the second one, acquired by Edgar Both for his client in Switzerland, and the third one acquired by the prominent dealer LeClaire, who asked close to six figures and lent it to the Guercino exhibition in Bologna.

Of the three drawings, one was tentatively attributed to be Guercino. The two other ones were misinterpreted by Christie's and Sotherby's. They alone represent a corresponding value.

There are quite a number of other drawings in my collection which should be estimated at high figures; for instance, the large, beautiful Paolo Veronesa which in the Kate Ganz exhibition was under reserve for the National Gallery for \$250, 000. The recent sale at Christie's brought \$28,000 for a drawing by Guglielmo Cortese. The estimate was for \$6-8,000. I have in my collection two to three works, each of them published while in my collection.

As important as a serious discussion about my collection would have been to me, please be assured that the cancellation of you and Mrs. Bader's visit is my greater loss.

With my most cordial wishes to Mrs. Bader and you,

Rudolf S. Joseph
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March 13, 1995

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Dear Alfred,

Thank you for your letter of March 6. I am very grateful to you for pointing out the mistakes you found. We have a very attractive box for the catalog, but some idiot evidently did not use it. Fortunately we do most things right, and more importantly, do not repeat making the same errors. We are going to be very careful with hyphenation next time. Again, thank you very much for your criticism.

Sunday, April 2 should be a very good day for two successful Jews to get together. The only regrettable thing is that one of them is much more successful than the other. Hopefully jealousy will not interfere in this joyful meeting. Please let me know when you would like to meet. Rodica and I have reserved the day for you. If you have time, Palos Verdes would be a very nice place to visit. It is one of the most beautiful unknown peninsulas. Of course, I would be your chauffeur for the day. The price is right.

Best wishes to you and Isabel,

Paul



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