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MICHIGAN (CENTRAL) UNIVERSITY

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

April 19, 1993

Mrs. Marcia Polenberg
Director, Art Museum
Central Michigan University
Preston & Franklin Streets
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Marcia:

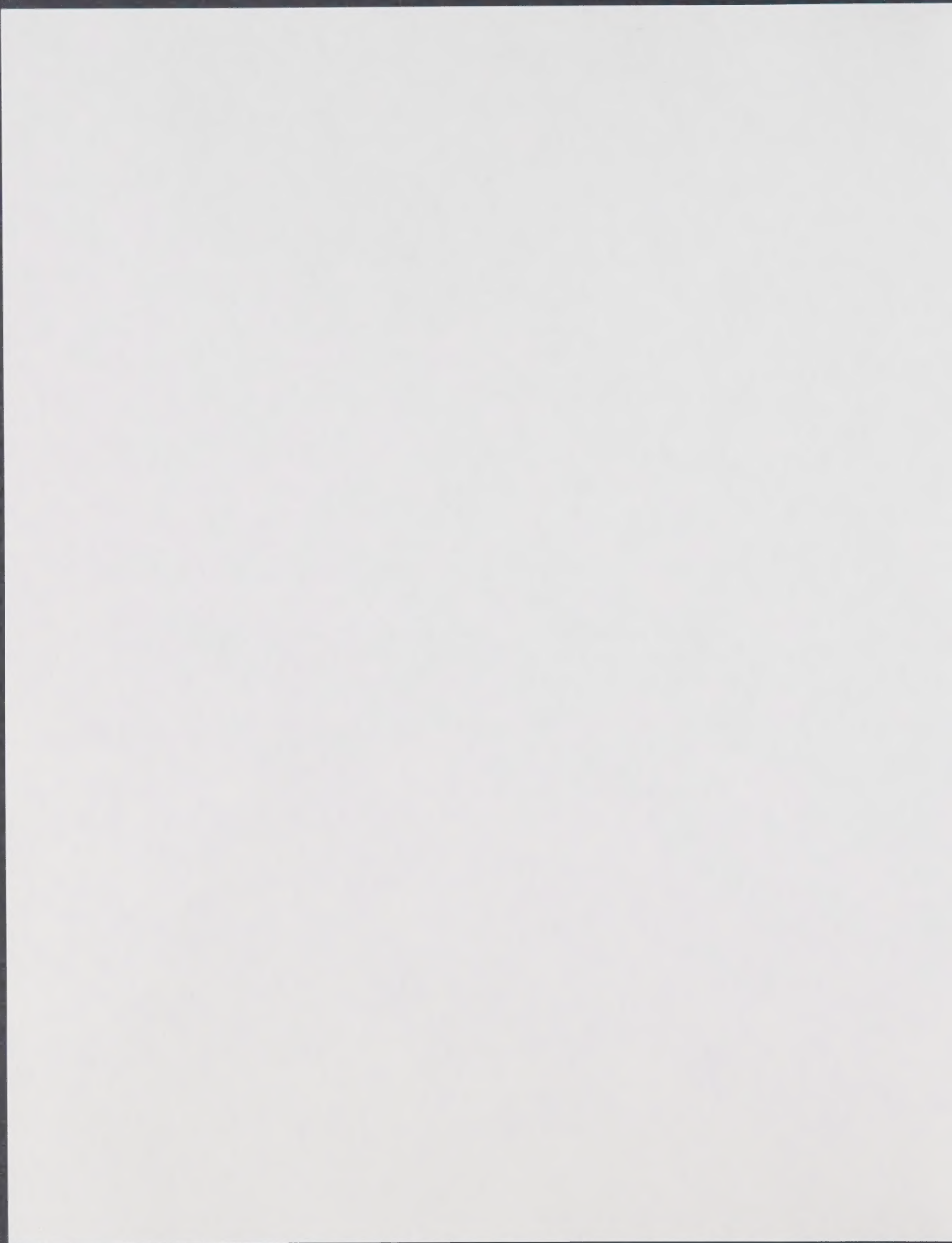
You must have realized how very much Isabel and I enjoyed our day in Mt. Pleasant, largely because of the great care which you took of us.

Of course, the most interesting part of the day was getting to know you personally. You are not likely to stay at Central Michigan University, and you will I hope find a position which is really more challenging artistically and intellectually.

Please do keep in touch and let us know when you are moving. Of course, we would then love to visit you again.

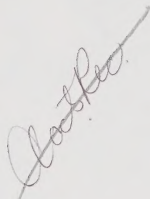
All good wishes from both of us.

Sincerely,



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

April 19, 1993



Professor Robert E. Kehrman
Department of Chemistry
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Professor Kehrman:

You and your associates must have realized how very much Isabel and I enjoyed our day and the three talks last week Monday.

I trust that my simple handwritten expense report for \$250.80 was adequate.

Enclosed, as promised, please find four alchemical prints.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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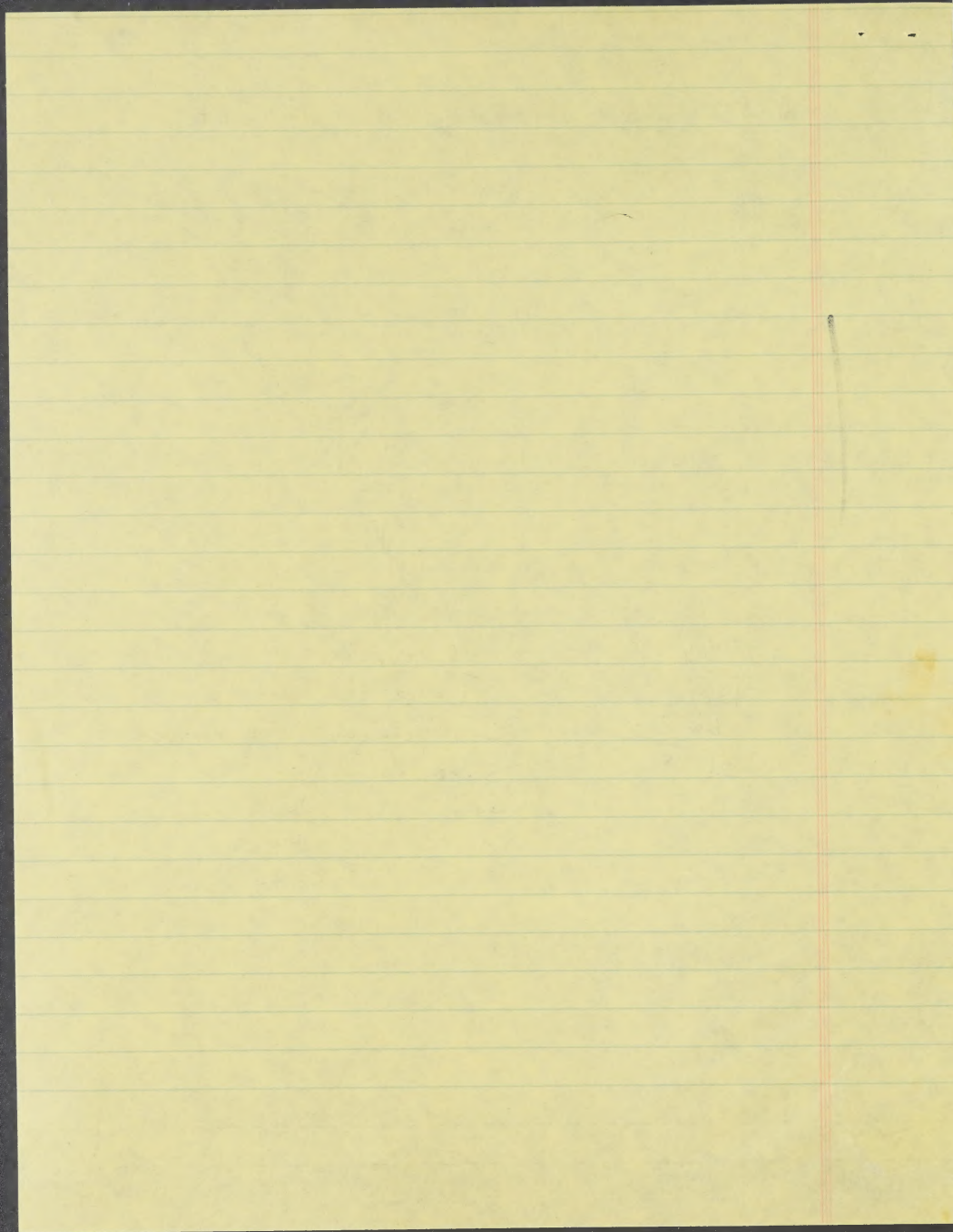
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Dr. Alfred Bader
2961 North Shepard Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

April 19, 1993

Dr. David Sikora
Monsanto Polymer Products
260 Springside Drive
Akron, Ohio 44334 0444

Dear Dr. Sikora:

I so enjoyed my afternoon with you last week and want to thank you and Ms. Sharen Carroll for the good care which you took of us.

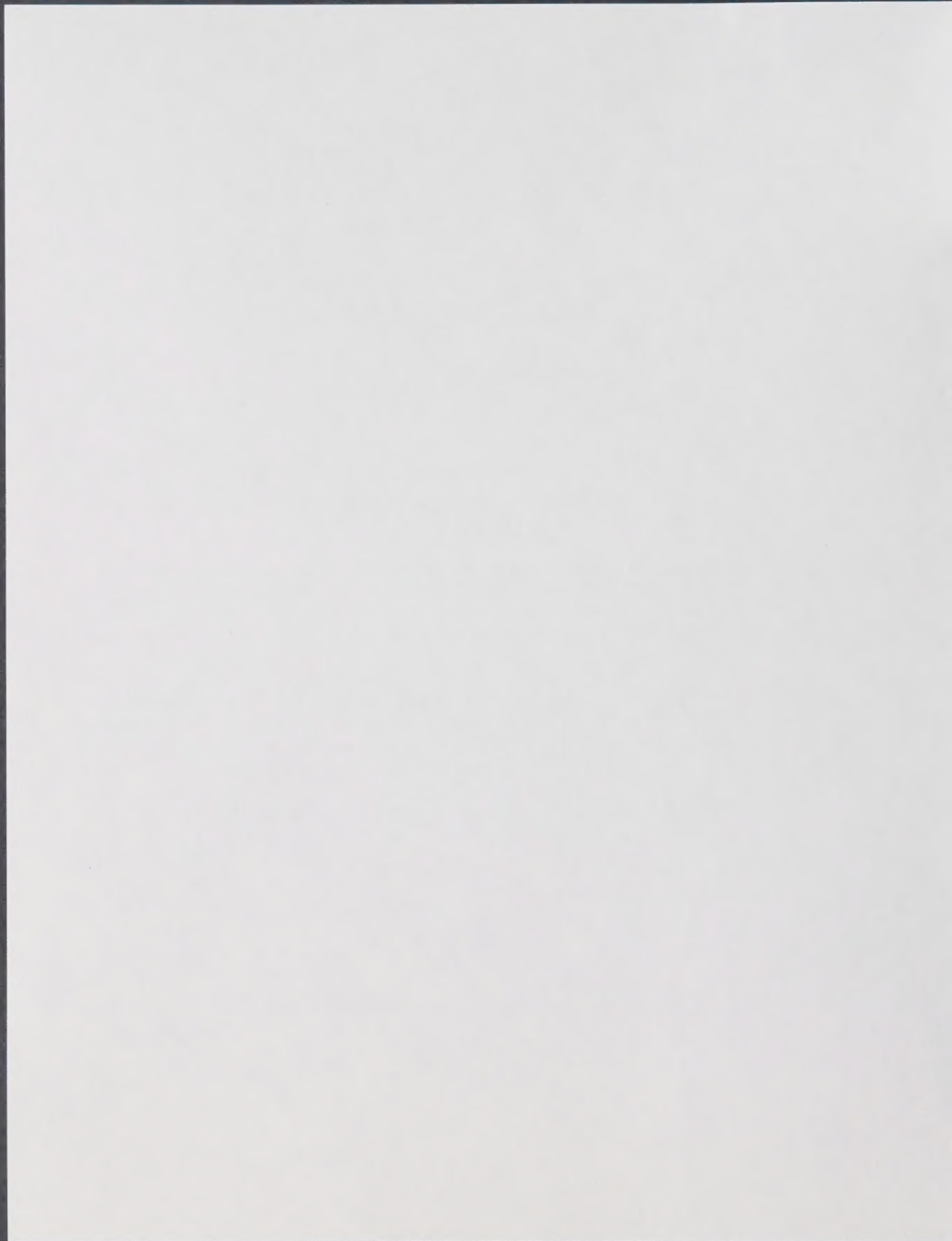
I am sorry that I inadvertently put your pointer into my coat pocket and then changed coats for the evening talk so that I could not return it to you in the evening. We stopped by your plant at 7 a.m. the next morning and gave the pointer in an envelope addressed to you to a man who was just entering your plant. I do hope you received it.

I understand from Dr. Bob Lattimer, the A.C.S. Chair of your section, that Monsanto is to pay my honorarium of \$300 and the car expenses. The drive from Milwaukee to Akron and back is 972 miles at \$0.28/mile, equals \$272.16 and tolls \$18.20 for a total of \$290.36. Hence, I look forward to your check for \$590.36.

Many thanks for your help, and best regards, also to Miss Carroll.

Sincerely,

c: Dr. Barry Jacobson, Ricerca, Inc.
Dr. Robert P. Lattimer, B. F. Goodrich R&D Center





Department of Chemistry

ROBERT E. KOHRMAN

Professor

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ALCHEMISTS

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

April 19, 1993

Professor Robert E. Kohrman
Department of Chemistry
Central Michigan University
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Professor Kohrman:

You and your associates must have realized how very much Isabel and I enjoyed our day and the three talks last week Monday.

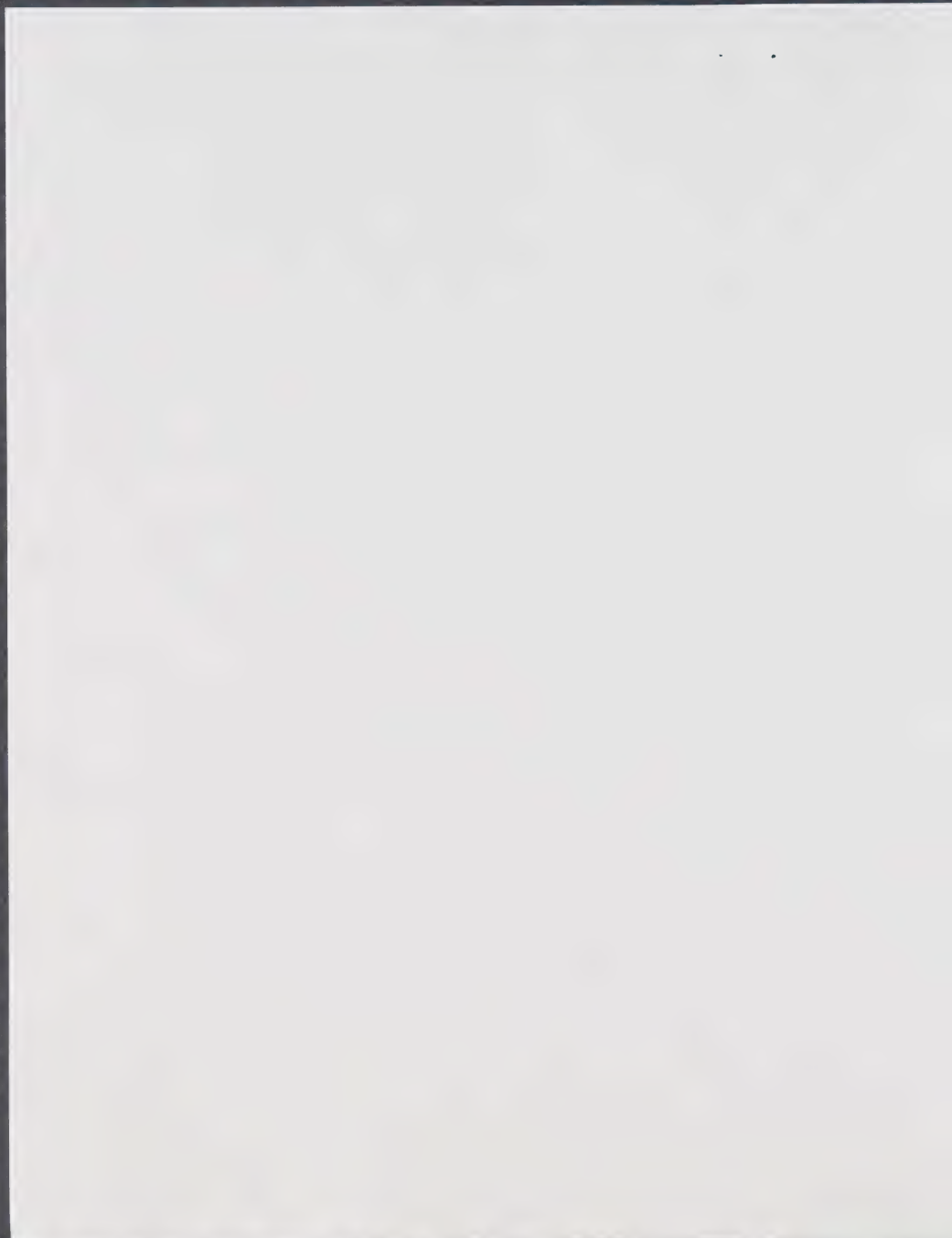
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Enclosed, as promised, please find four alchemical prints.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Enclosures





CENTRAL MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

Department of Chemistry
(517) 774-3981
(517) 774-7106 FAX

April 7, 1993

Dr. Alfred Bader
2916 N. Shepherd Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dr. Bader:

Per our telephone conversation, please find enclosed a map of our campus at Central Michigan University. Note that the map is at a fairly enlarged scale and I have indicated on the map exactly where on West Campus Drive the Comfort Inn is located. The CMU Purchase Order Number which you need to give to the desk clerk is #036114. The room is reserved for you and your wife for two nights, Sunday, April 11 and Monday, April 12.

The fastest and most direct way from Chicago to Mt. Pleasant, MI involves driving through Benton Harbor/St. Joseph on to Holland, Grand Rapids, up Highway 131 to Howard City and across on M-46 to Six Lakes, up M-66 to Remus, and over on M-20 to Mt. Pleasant. This drive takes about 4 1/2 hrs, but involves driving on two-lane roads from Howard City on to Mt. Pleasant. If you wish to stay on an expressway for the entire trip, from Benton Harbor continue driving on I-94 on through Kalamazoo to Marshall where I-69 takes one to Lansing followed by US-27 up to Mt. Pleasant. This route takes about 5 to 5 1/2 hrs.

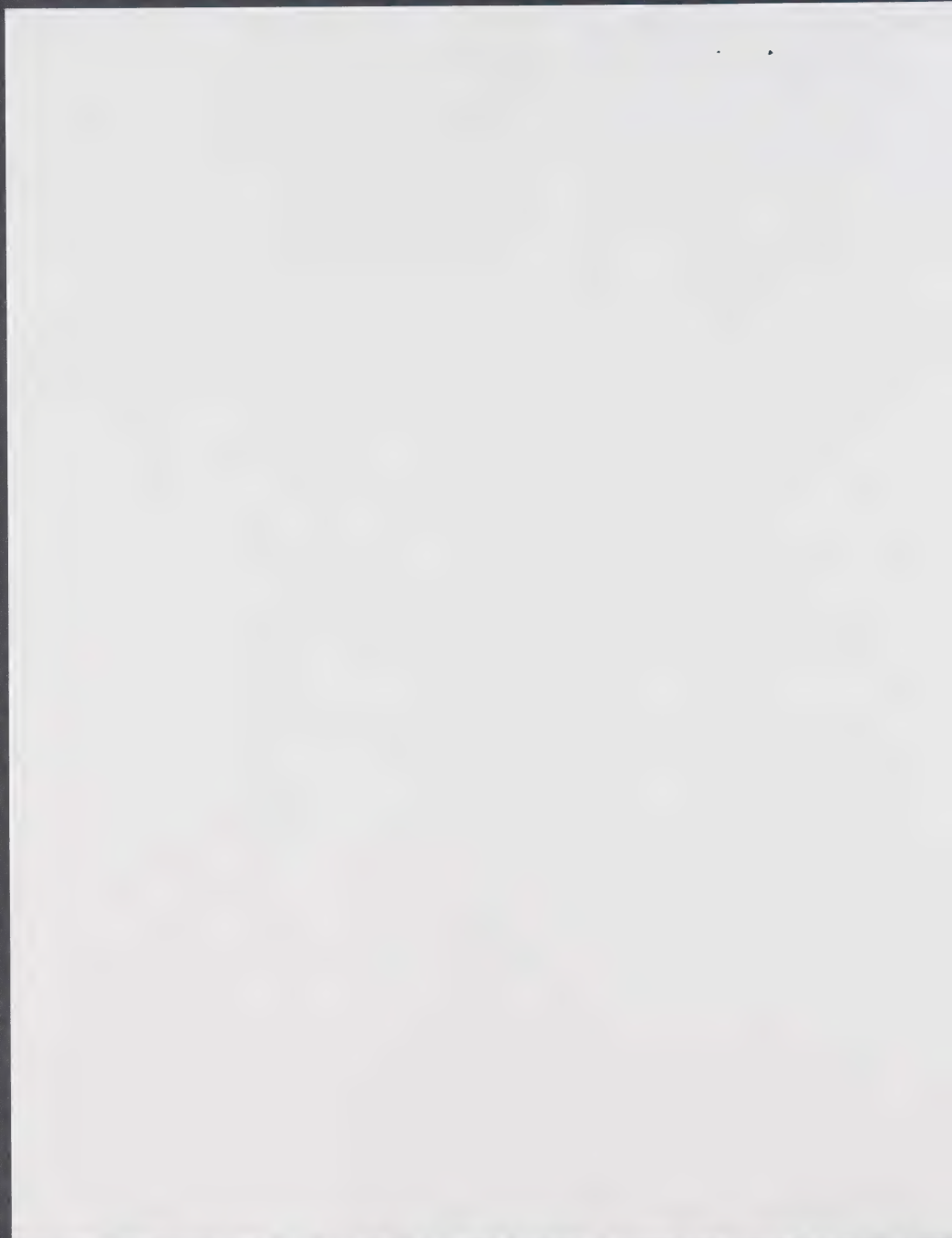
If you follow the former route, you will come into Mt. Pleasant on M-20 (High Street) and you will need to turn south where M-20 intersects Mission Street and follow it south to West Campus Drive as shown on the map. If you choose to come via Lansing, West Campus Drive is the first stoplight as you get off of US-27 at the Mt. Pleasant exit.

Although your lecture schedule here looks to be a challenging one, we are looking forward to your talks and we are anxious to make your visit to CMU a pleasant experience. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Kohrman".

Robert Kohrman
Professor



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

March 29, 1993

Mrs. Marcia Polenberg
Director, Art Museum
Central Michigan University
Preston & Franklin Streets
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Mrs. Polenberg:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 3rd.

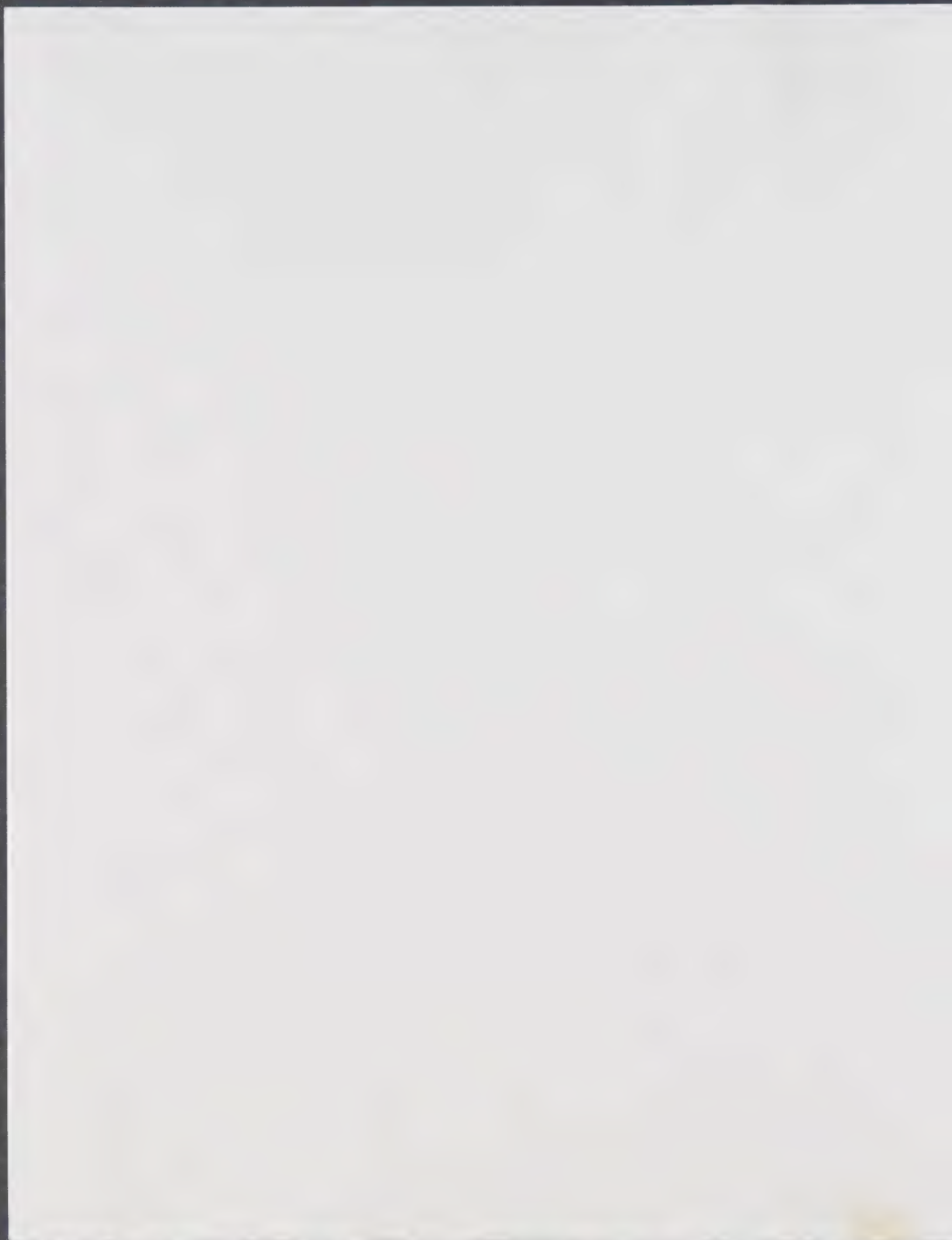
Isabel and I very much look forward to that busy day on April 12th.

For the last talk, you might like to invite people who have old paintings and might need advice about identification and conservation.

Under separate cover I am sending you a number of reproductions and Aldrichimica Acta to be shown in my talk that evening.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,





UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

March 3, 1993

Dr. Alfred Bader
2916 N. Shepherd Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Dr. Bader,

This is in confirmation of the lectures you have kindly agreed to deliver at Central Michigan University. We are happy to have you deliver a series of lectures at Central Michigan University on April 12th, 1993. The lectures will be co-sponsored by the Chemistry Department and Art Department of Central Michigan University as well as by the Midland Chemical Society of which Gretchen Kohl from Dow Corning serves as president. The lectures will be open to the public. Following your suggestion, the chemists at Upjohn in Kalamazoo will be invited to these events.

A motel reservation at the Comfort Inn in close proximity to the CMU campus has been made for you for Sunday and Monday nights for both you and your wife.

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Enclosed is a schedule of the talks we would like you to give at Central Michigan University. Indeed they are all on Monday, April 12th, which I hope is not too taxing for you. There will be a group of us taking you out to lunch on Monday following the lecture on "The Bible through Dutch Eyes". Following your talk on Joseph Loschmidt, Dr. Robert Kohrman of the CMU Chemistry Department, Gretchen Kohl of Dow Corning and President of the Midland Chemical Society and I will take you to dinner, to be followed by your talk at 7:30 on "The Adventures of a Chemist Art Collector". A small reception will follow. This leaves Tuesday morning free for you to meet with whomever you wish or to rest before your trip to Cleveland.

We will have a display table available at Dow 175 where some of the Sigma-Aldrich Chemical catalogues could be displayed.

All of us in mid-Michigan look forward to your lectures and to meeting/renewing friendships with you and your wife in person.

On behalf of all the groups involved in this endeavor, I thank you for agreeing to share your wisdom and art collecting experience.

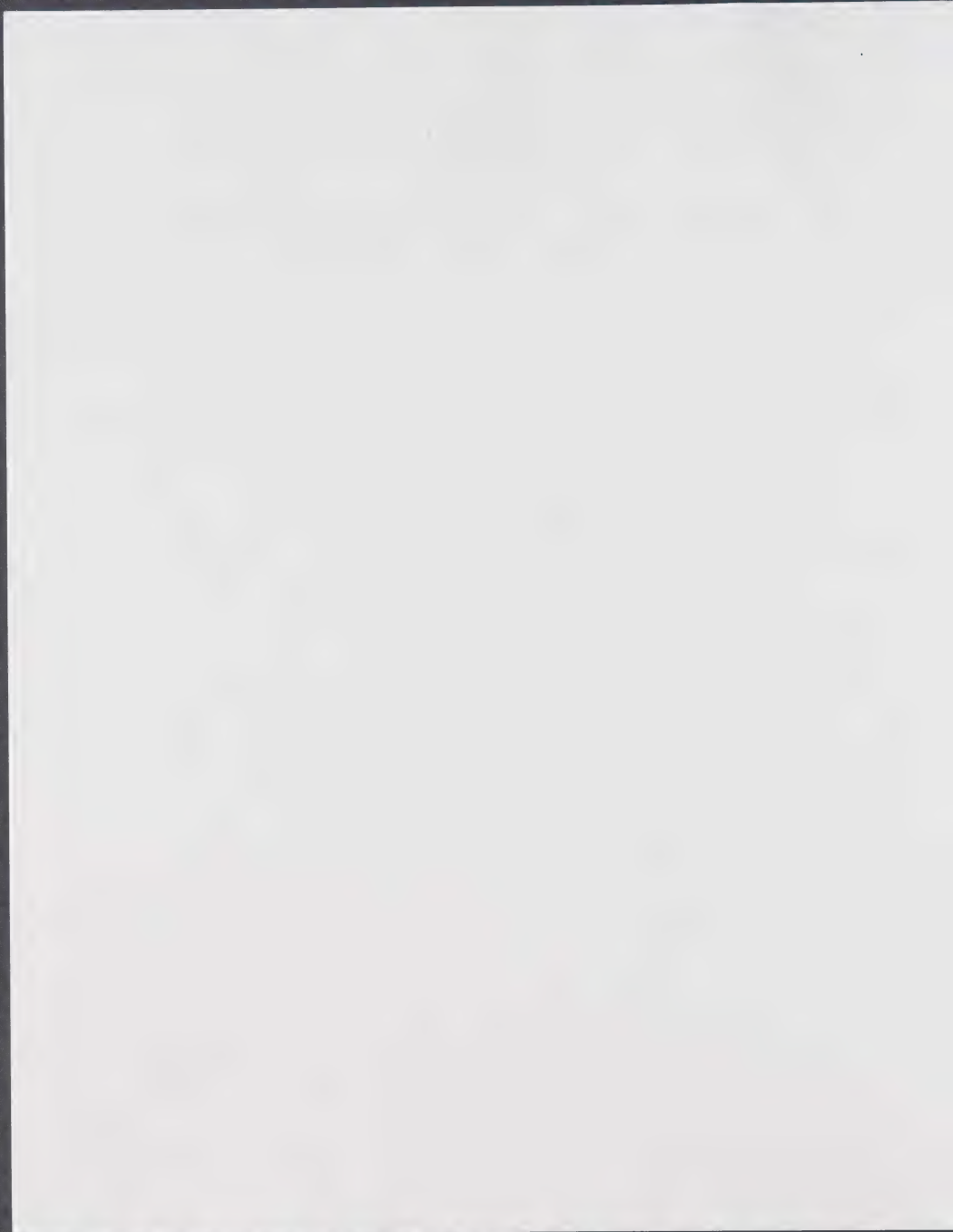
Sincerely,

*Marcia Blenberg, Director
University Art Gallery*

517-774-3974; home: 517-835-1366

P.S. Happy Putin and Peach!

Central Michigan University Corner of Preston & Franklin St. Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859





UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

December 3, 1992

Dr. Alfred Beder
2916 N. Shepherd Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Dr. Beder,

This is in confirmation of the lectures you have kindly agreed to deliver at Central Michigan University. In accordance with your suggestion, we will be happy to have you deliver a series of lectures at Central Michigan University on April 12 and 13, 1993. The lectures will be co-sponsored by the Chemistry Department and Art Department of Central Michigan University as well as by the Midland Chemical Society of which Gretchen Kohl from Dow Corning serves as president. The lectures will be open to the public. Following your suggestion, the chemists at Upjohn in Kalamazoo will be invited to these events. If you have other suggestions for groups that should receive invitations, besides the other colleges and universities that we will inform, please let me know.

The sponsoring groups will be responsible for the transportation costs as well as the costs of motels for both you and your wife.

I realize the transportation difficulties posed by transporting your original 15-16th century Dutch paintings and it is advisable that we not mount an exhibition of your works of art at this time. We could show a series of slides of your original works and/or have a display table where some of the Sigma-Aldrich Chemical catalogues could be shown for perusal. We could not mount an exhibition of the catalogue covers at this time because there will be a scheduled exhibition of student degree fulfillment works on the walls of the gallery during this time period.

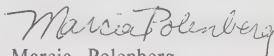
I greatly look forward to your lectures and to meeting you and your wife in person. Needless to say, I will make sure there are Pesachdich goodies at the reception .

Please call me when you return from England to determine the exact titles of the lectures and to work out the details. My home telephone number is 517-835-1366. Since we will be on Christmas vacation at the University and will not return until mid January, I would like to speak to you as soon as possible to make final confirmation of your lecture series.

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On behalf of all the groups involved in this endeavor, I thank you for agreeing to share your wisdom and art collecting experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcia Polenberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Marcia Polenberg
Director, University Art Gallery
517-774-3974
home: 517-835-1366

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

December 1, 1992

Ms. Marcia Polenberg
Director, Art Museum
Central Michigan University
Preston & Franklin Streets
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Telephone: 517 835 1366

Dear Ms. Polenberg:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation yesterday afternoon, enclosed is list of Dr. Bader's talks, as well as some biographical data.

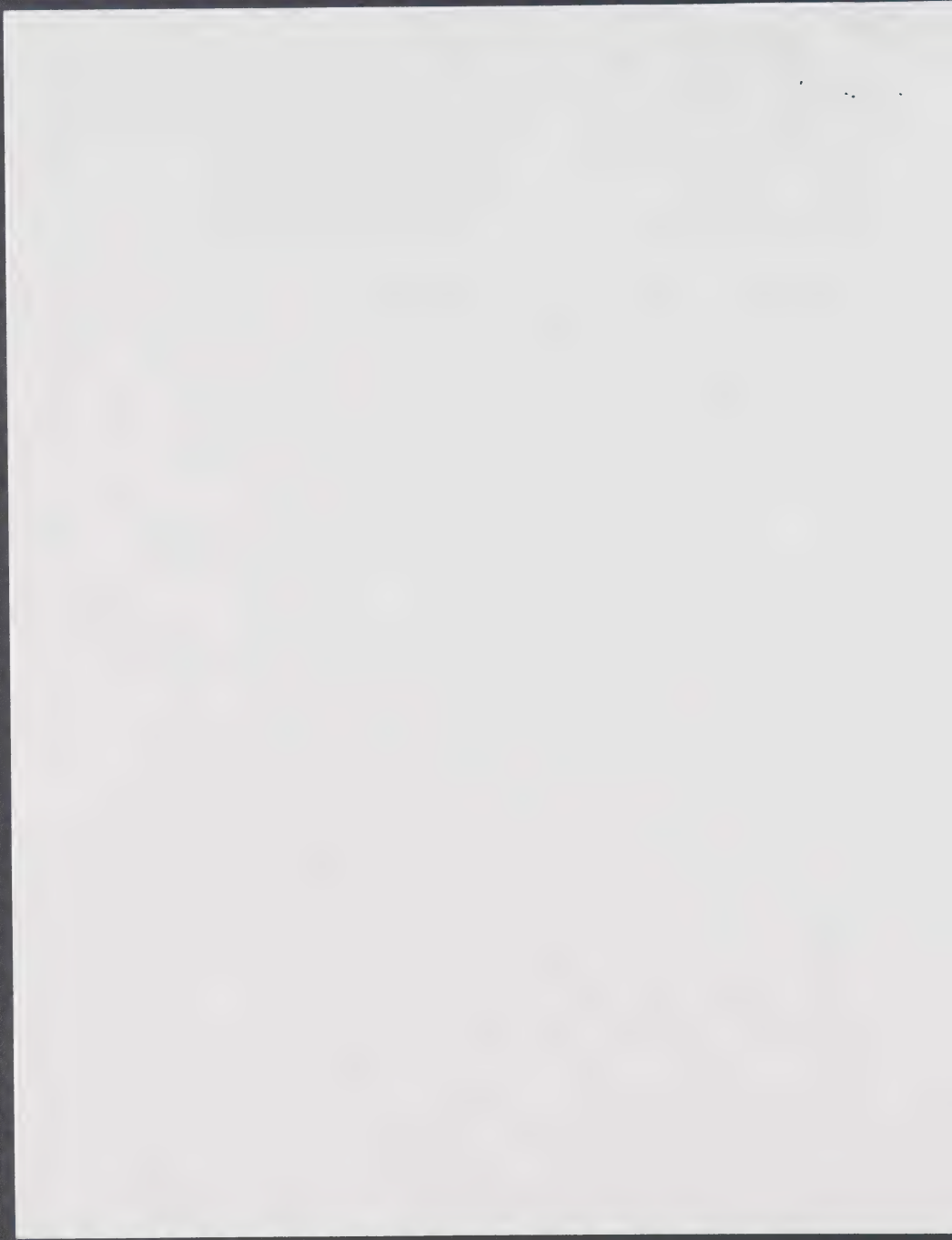
In our conversation, you told me that April 12th and 13th have been approved for Dr. Bader's visit.

Dr. Bader is in England through December 22nd, but he will be given your message as soon as he returns to the office. Perhaps you could call him and let him know which lectures you prefer.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Hassmann
Secretary to Dr. Bader

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

October 5, 1992

Ms. Marcia Polenberg
Director, Art Museum
Central Michigan University
Preston & Franklin Streets
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Ms. Polenberg:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of September 22nd, which poses two problems.

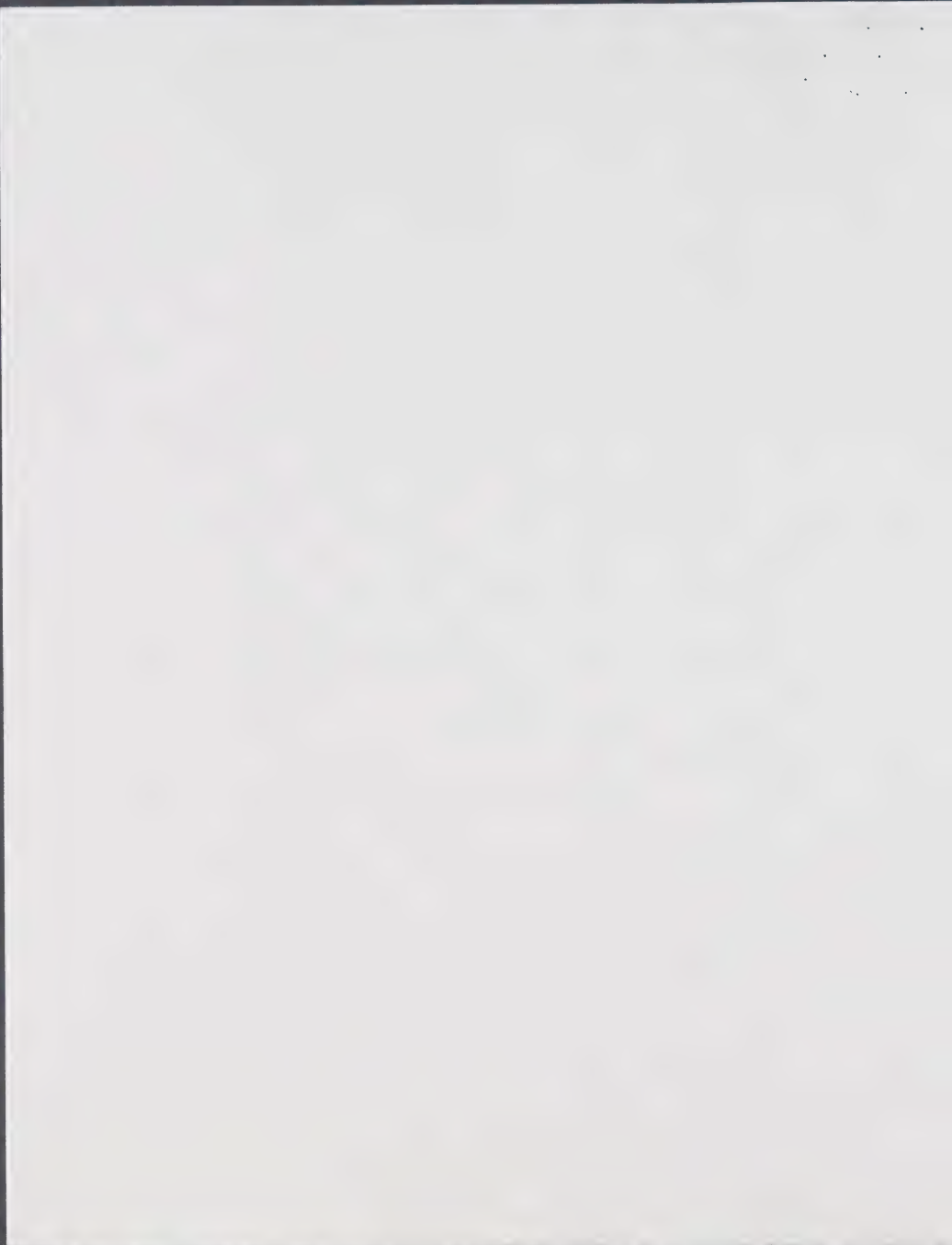
Unfortunately, you were looking at the wrong calendar as the first Seder next April is on Monday night, April 5th, not the next week.

I have agreed to speak in Cleveland and Akron on the 14th and 15th of April and could be with you on the 12th and part of the 13th.

Alternately, I have been invited to speak at Hope College on Friday, September 10th, and could be with you on the 8th and 9th of September.

The more serious problem is the transport of old master paintings from Milwaukee to your University Art Gallery. Certainly I do not want the responsibility and risk of transporting old master paintings in our car.

Enclosed please find a copy of a recent exhibition catalog at Purdue University. The Purdue gallery exhibited every catalog and every *Aldrichimica Acta* that Aldrich ever used, in very attractive cases, and I enclose seven (7) photographs showing the display. These are my only photographs, and I would appreciate your returning them to me. Purdue also exhibited the original paintings, but their Director, Mrs. Mona Berg, came to Milwaukee in a university truck and returned the paintings, fully insured by the university.



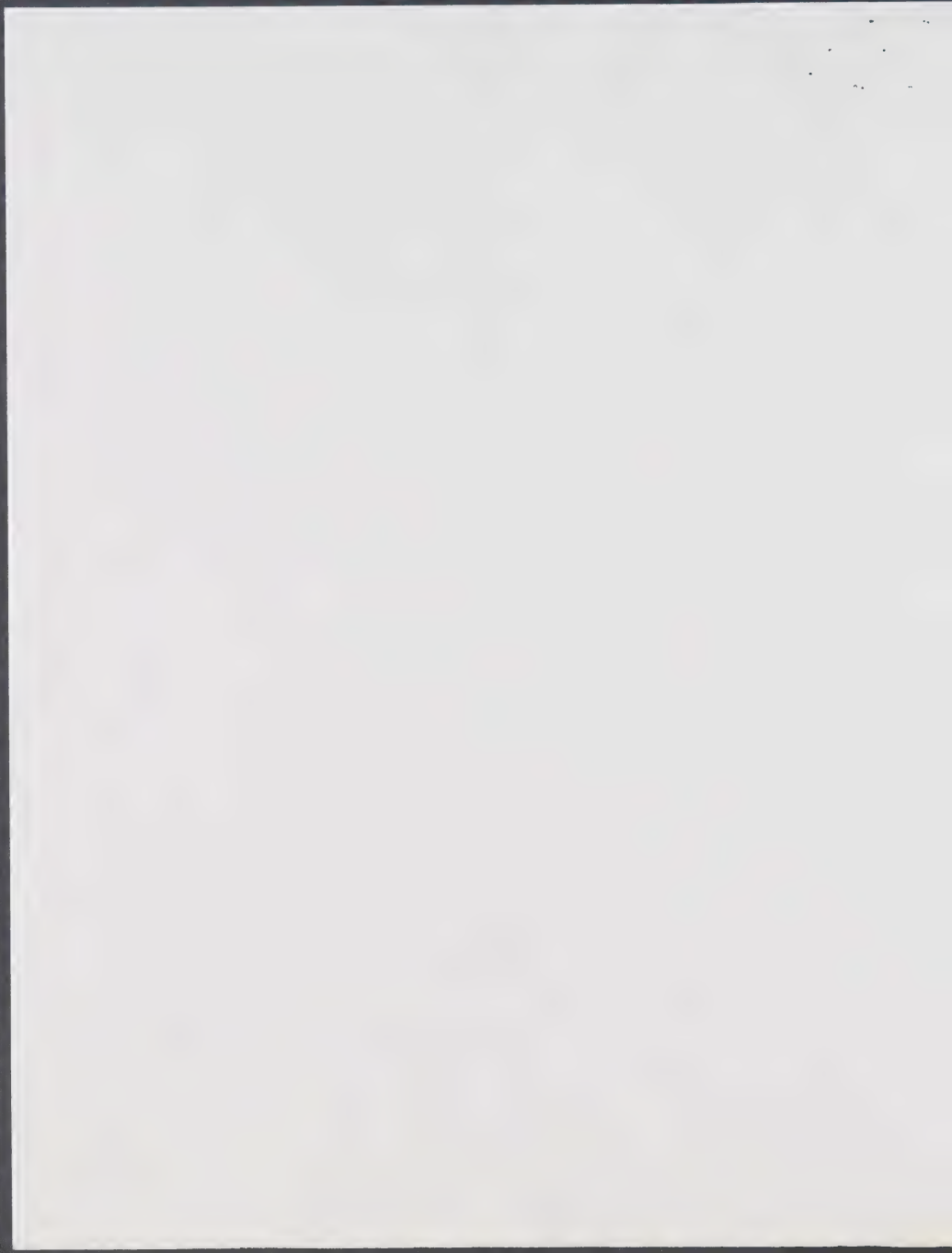
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However, I think even without the original paintings, the original catalogs and Acta with good descriptions would make an attractive show.

I look forawrd to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

September 22, 1992

Dr. Alfred Beder
2916 N. Shepherd Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Dr. Beder,

This is in confirmation of the lectures you have kindly agreed to deliver at Central Michigan University. Because the first seder falls on Sunday night, April 11, I am suggesting that the talks be given on Monday, April 5, Tuesday April 6 and Wednesday April 7, along with a small display of original 15-16th century Dutch paintings or important other works of your choice that we agree upon. This display will take place at the University Art Gallery at Central Michigan University.

The lectures will be co-sponsored by the Chemistry Department and Art Department of Central Michigan University as well as by the Midland Chemical Society of which Gretchen Kohl from Dow Corning serves as president. The lectures will be open to the public, as will the exhibition of your original works of art. We will have a guard at all times and an alarm security system at the gallery. Following your suggestion, the chemists at Upjohn in Kalamazoo will be invited to these events. If you have other suggestions for groups that should receive invitations, besides the other colleges and universities that we will inform, please let me know.

The sponsoring groups will be responsible for the transportation costs as well as the costs of motels for both you and your wife.

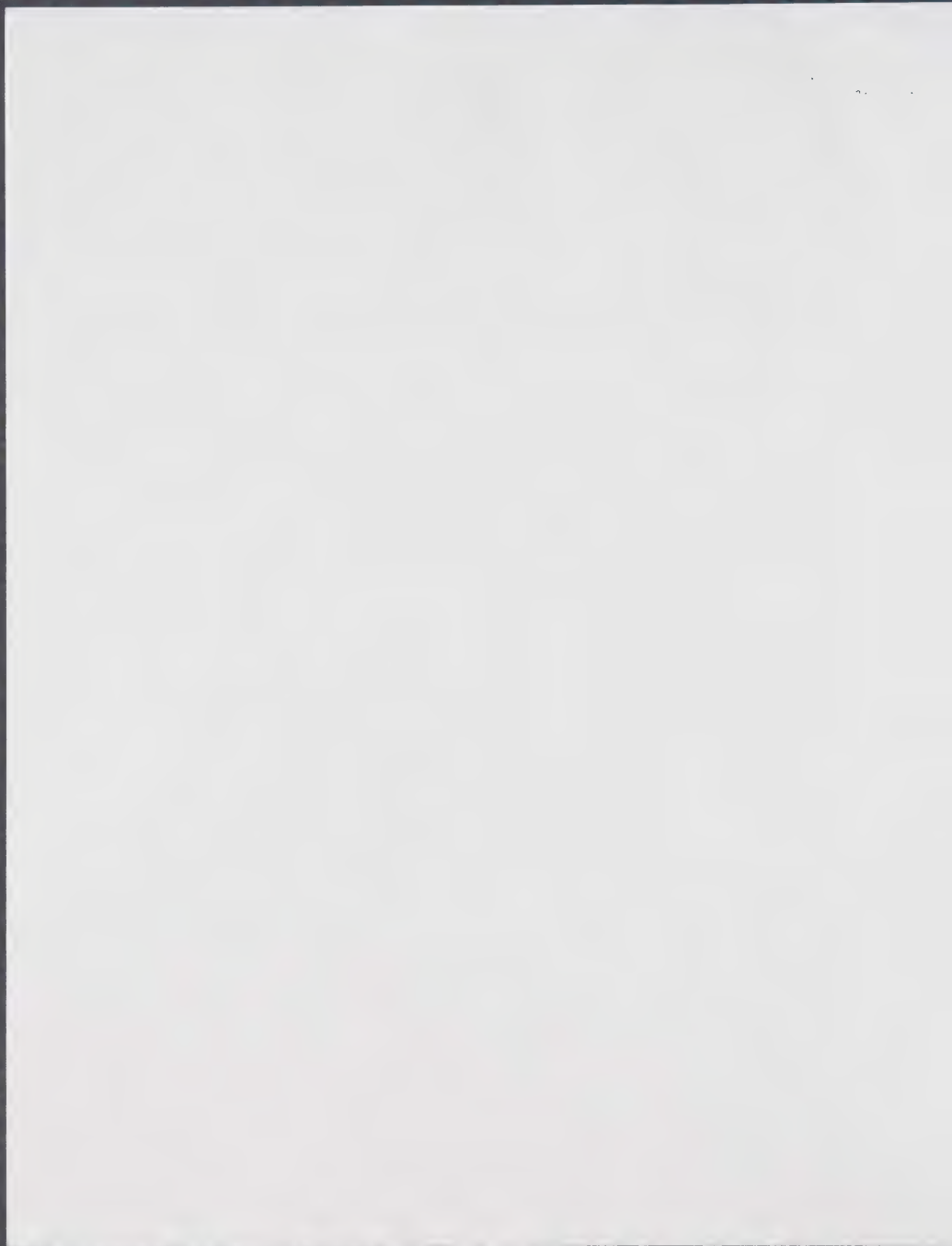
I look forward to your lectures and art display as very special events and would like to do what I can to make this an enjoyable time for you and for your wife.

We will be in communication closer to the time of your lectures, to determine the exact titles of the lectures, the names of the paintings/drawings/etchings and to work out the details.

On behalf of all the groups involved in this endeavor, I thank you for agreeing to share your wisdom and art collecting experience.

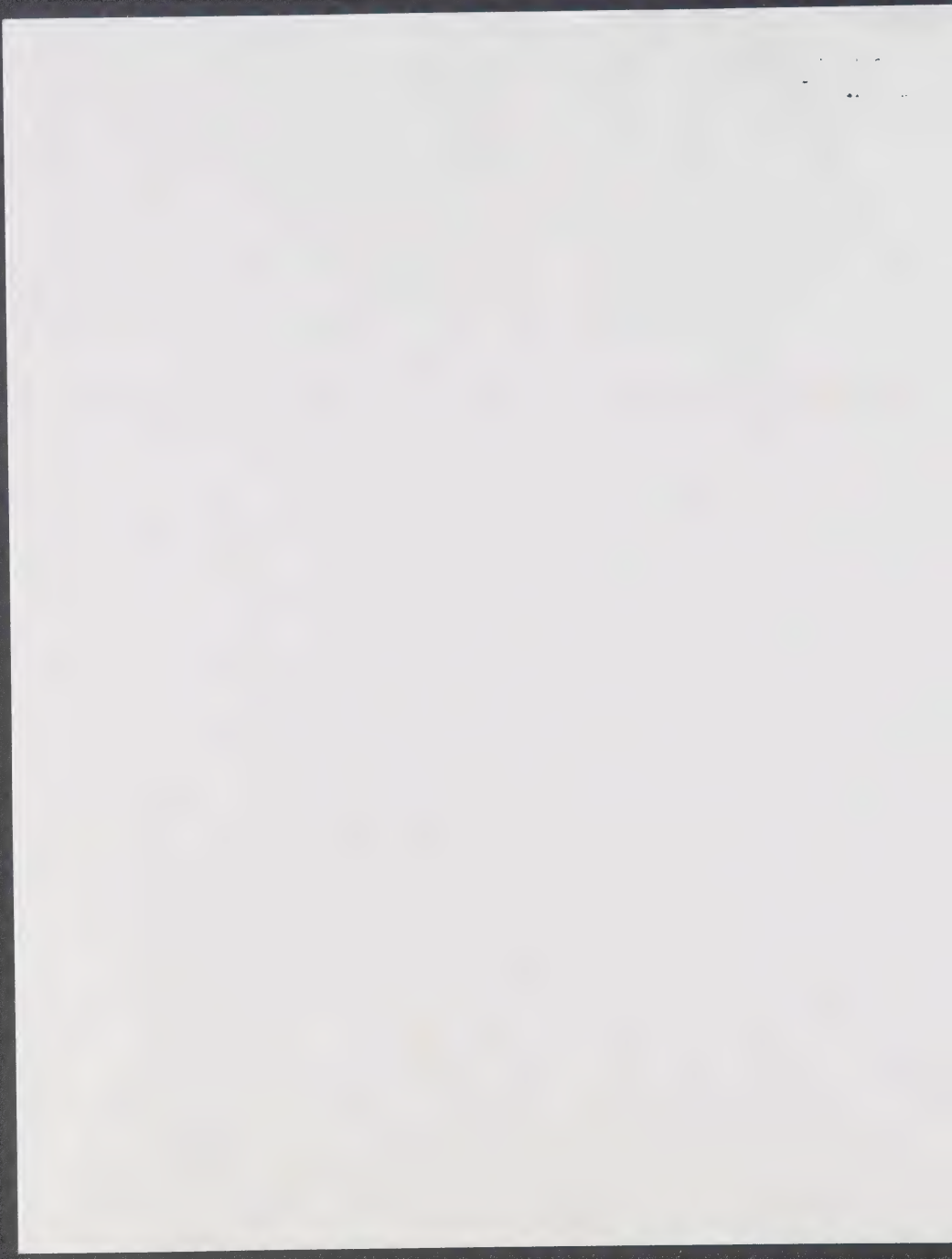
Sincerely,

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Marcia Polenberg
Director, University Art Gallery
517-774-3974
home: 517-835-1366

Polenberg





CENTRAL MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY

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Department of Chemistry
(517) 774-3981
(517) 774-7106 FAX

January 19, 1992

Dr. Alfred Bader
2916 N. Shepherd Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dr. Bader:

We are writing to both confirm the invitation of Marcia Polenburg of CMU's Art Departments and to convey our enthusiasm for your spring visit. As indicated by Marcia, your visit to our campus on April 12-13 will be co-sponsored by the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society as well as the Departments of Art and Chemistry at CMU.

Central Michigan University is located in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, which is approximately 25 miles from Midland, Michigan, and the chemical industry located there. Although most of our ACS section meetings are held in Midland, your talk is an example of the effort to expand the geographical scope of our local section activities. We prefer to schedule your lecture for the evening of Monday, April 12, so that out-of-town visitors such as those from Dow and Dow-Corning might be able to attend. Such scheduling would allow you to meet with groups of CMU faculty and students during the day on Monday and Tuesday.

According to Marcia's December 3, 1992, letter to you, there is some uncertainty as to what prints/slides or other works of art you wish to bring to Mt. Pleasant. However, we are sure that we can find the appropriate facilities to show samples of your collection to best advantage. In addition to the University Art Gallery, it should be noted that the university has just completed a new facility which houses the CMU Department of Chemistry.

We are enthusiastic about your impending talk and are delighted that we are able to participate in a co-sponsorship of the visit. We understand that Marcia Polenberg and Philip Squatrito of CMU's Chemistry Department (his telephone number is 517-774-4407) will help coordinate the logistics of your visit and will arrange for your accommodations. In the meantime, we look forward to meeting with you and encourage you to contact us if we can help in any way.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Kohl

Gretchen Kohl
Chair
Midland Section ACS
[Dow Corning-
517-496-5298]

Robert Kohlman

Robert Kohlman
Chair-Elect
Midland Section ACS
[CMU Chemistry-
517-774-3116]

cc. Marcia Polenberg
Philip Squatrito



Dr. Alfred Bader
Chairman Emeritus



September 30, 1991

Ms. Marcia Polenberg, Director
University Art Gallery
Central Michigan University
Preston & Franklin Street
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan 48859

Dear Ms. Polenberg:

Thank you for your kind invitation to visit you and present a lecture.

Unfortunately, my travel schedule for this fall and next spring is practically filled. Also, it is not all that easy to travel from Milwaukee to Mt. Pleasant. However, from time to time companies such as Dow, Upjohn and Parke-Davis have invited me to visit, and I'm always happy to present two or three lectures on any given day, both on chemistry and art history. Perhaps the next time one of these companies invites me it might be possible to combine such a visit with one to your university.

As you perhaps know, a good part of my collection has been shown in Midland and Kalamazoo, but movement of old master paintings has become much more difficult, and so I fear that another exhibition in Michigan would be exceedingly difficult.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Alfred Bader
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SIGMA-ALDRICH

P.O. Box 355 Milwaukee Wisconsin 53201 USA Telephone (414) 273-3850 Cable Aldrichem TWX 910-262-3052 Telex 26-843



UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

September 20, 1991

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Dr. Alfred Beder
Sigma-Aldrich Chemical Company
PO Box 355
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Dear Dr. Beder,

Having spoken to Mrs. Sidney Chesney, and several people at the Midland Council for the Arts, all of whom considered you an excellent speaker and man of great acumen, I am writing to ascertain the possibility of having you give a lecture to be sponsored by the art and chemistry departments at Central Michigan University. Mrs. Chesney has described your talk on how you collected works of art by Rembrandt and the Dutch school. She mentioned that you might be persuaded to exhibit works from your collection along with your lecture. This could be comprised of prints or paintings from the 17th century, e.g. or works that are more recent.

Please let me know whether you would be interested in giving a talk and whether we might persuade you to loan some of your collection for a possible exhibition at the University Art Gallery at Central Michigan University. I would reassure you that we have a sophisticated alarm system besides the normal locks on the doors.

Please let me know whether any aspect of the above is of interest to you and what your fee might be. Also if you have any slides available of the work you might consider exhibiting here, I should be very grateful. Needless to say, I would return them promptly.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marcia Polenberg

Marcia Polenberg
Director, University Art Gallery