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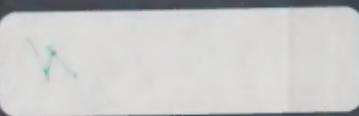
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Paris, le 20 septembre 1994

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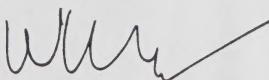
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Eh bien, toutes mes sincères et admiratives félicitations et au plaisir de vous revoir.

Je vous prie d'agrérer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments distingués et très dévoués,

*Admirationnlement  
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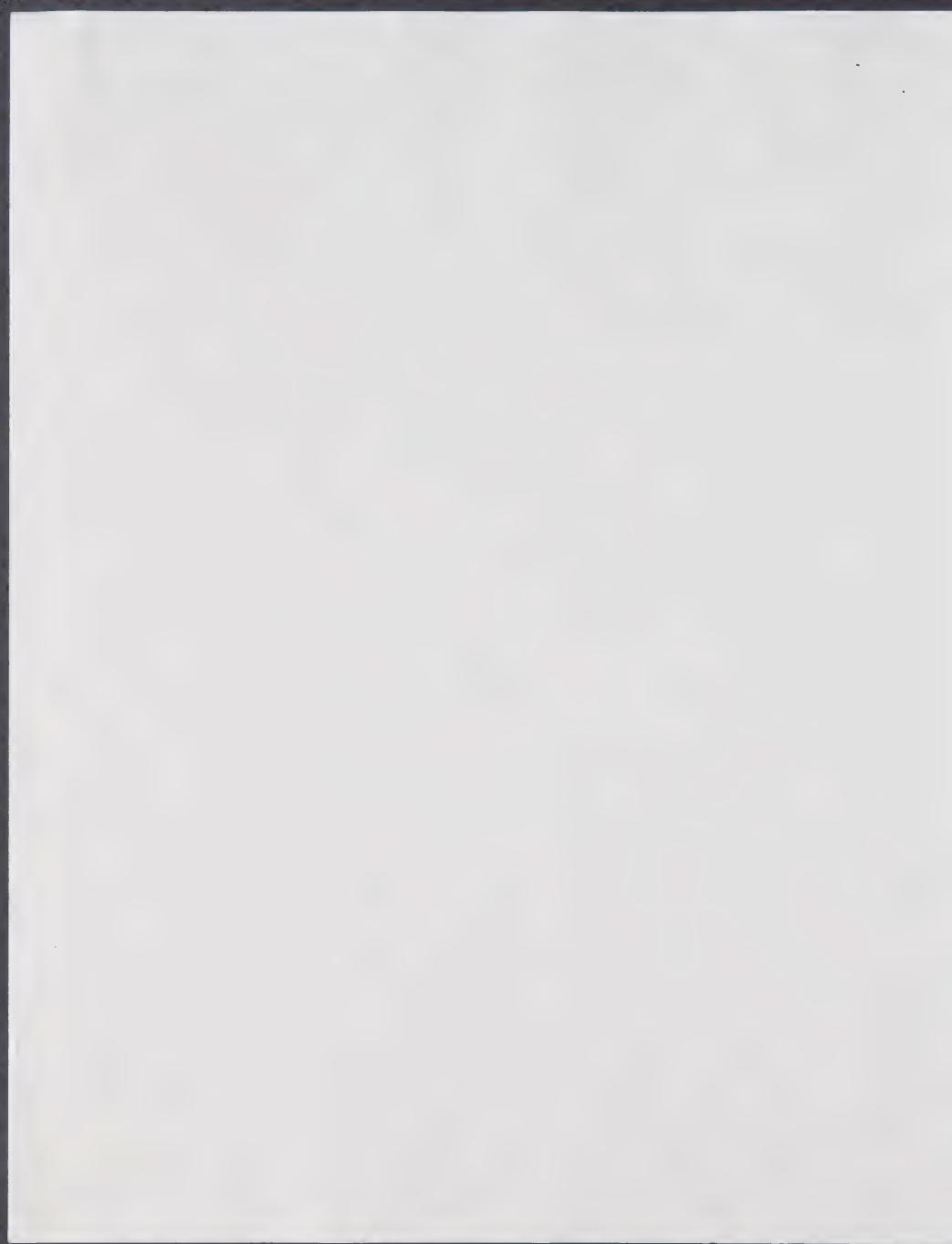
Cher M. Foucart :

Aussi dans l'obligance de  
m'aider à identifier les peintures de deux  
tableaux ? Ce joint les photographies.

C'est avec une certaine hésitation  
qu'on attribue le tableau à l'école des

<sup>NO</sup> Pieter Bruegel. Le houze possède tant  
de tableaux de Bruegel que pour faire  
sans doute l'autorité mondiale de cet  
artiste.

"Les deux hommes" (une allégorie  
de la vieillesse ?) me plaît beaucoup,  
mais qui est l'artiste ? Ce tableau se  
trouve en bon état et il est sans doute  
du 17. siècle. On l'a attribué à



Nichel possets austiquâ de tot den Oost,  
maar à mon avis, ces deux attributions

sont également fausses.

Je vous prie d'agréer l'assurance  
de ma dévouée

Avec mes meilleures salutations et  
toute ma sincère reconnaissance

Ouida Baer

à Paris le 31 juillet 1914  
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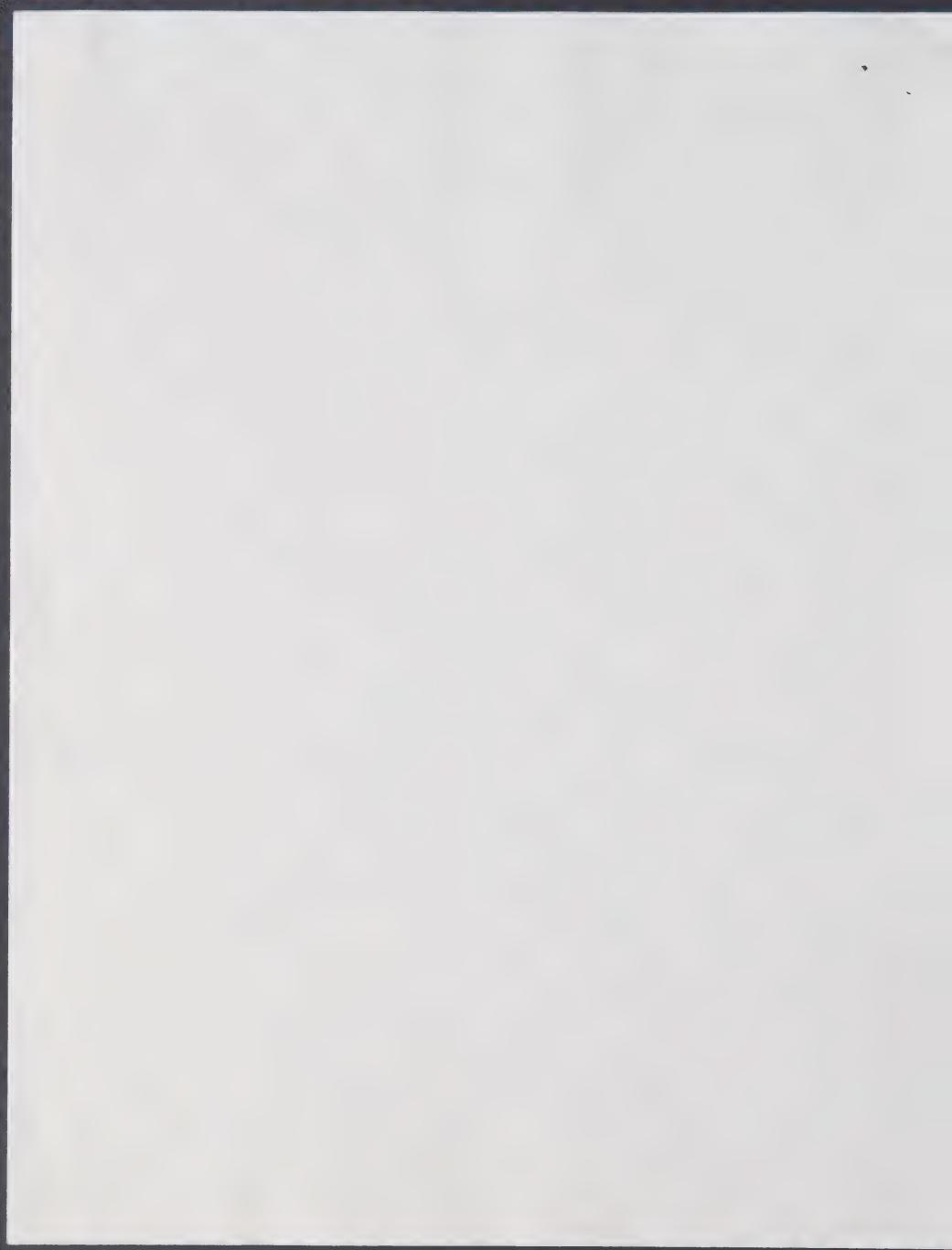
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacques FOUCART".

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5th March 1999

Dear Dr. Bader,

I am sorry that this answer to part of your letter has taken so long to produce, but the inflow of correspondence has been more like a torrent, recently, and your letter was slightly inundated.

I spotted you and Mrs Bader from a distance at Christie's party in New York, and had expected to meet you at Otto Naumann's the following day. I didn't make it to Otto's party, however, since my visit to Baltimore that day took longer than expected.

I was completely amazed by the news that it was the Amsterdam police who had put your little paintings into the sale! I do hope that in the end things will be sorted out to everyone's satisfaction, in a reasonable and friendly manner.

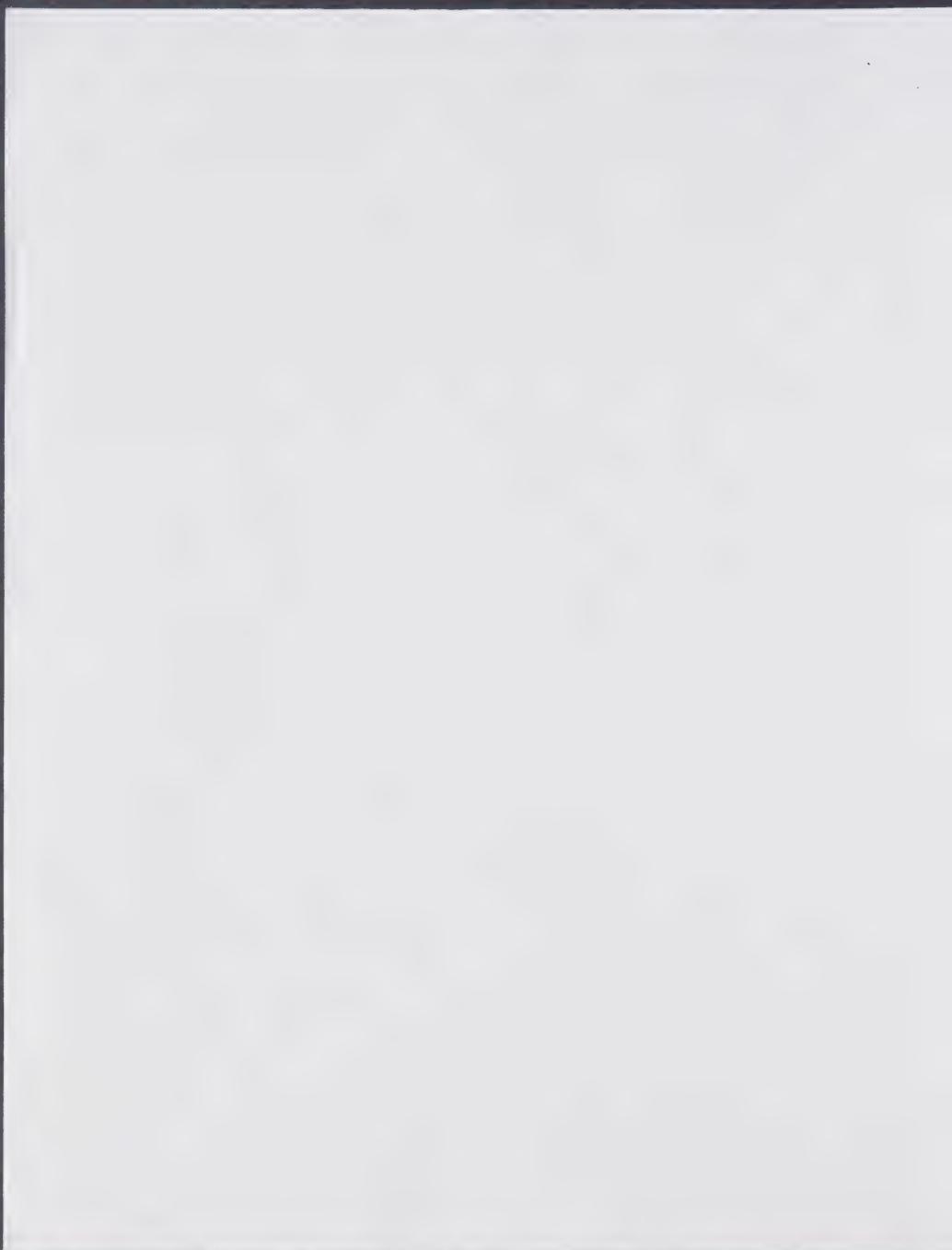
As for the paintings of which you have sent photographs, I will follow your lists and provide some comments, where possible. The portraits I have also discussed with Rudi Ekkart.

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F (Corduba) Despite the signature and the fact that it has apparently been accepted in the literature as a work of De Cordua, I find it impossible to associate this painting with any known work by that artist. Particularly, comparison with De Cordua's Vanitas from the same year, 1665, in the Musée des Beaux-Arts, Pau (photocopy enclosed) manifests a world of difference. The general style of your painting seems to be French, which, in combination with the German almanac and



music score, might point to an origin in the Alsace area. If I were you, I would have an able technician inspect the signature (which I cannot clearly make out in the photograph, but which seems to spell the artist's name incorrectly) and the Dutch inscription on the almanac page. The latter seems totally out of place: why would anyone write a receipt on a blanc page in an almanac? (if alamanacs had blanc pages at all, which I believe is not true to fact). Moreover, the written text does not follow the surface of the page particularly well, and why would an artist who was working in the Vienna/Prague area by that time want to include a Dutch text in his painting?

K (Snijders) This impressive study of dogs is of course easy to associate with Snijders, but to my mind, in view of the more 'fuzzy' handling, the execution is rather by his associate Paul de Vos, than by Snijders himself. I have tried to find these two dogs in paintings by Snijders and de Vos, but without avail. I enclose some photocopies of hunting scenes by Paul de Vos which hopefully clarify my views, as well as a photocopy of a study of dogs by Snijders (Robels SK 6).

II (Snijders) I agree with Hella Robels (her No. A 169) that this attractive painting of two squirrels is not by Snijders, but I fail to see how it can be associated with Paul de Vos. The thin, brushy handling reminds me somewhat of Jan Brueghel's oil studies, but I failed to find anything similar enough to follow that association up. For the time being we will file it as Flemish school, 2nd quarter 17th century.

2 (Dutch, portrait of a young scolar) We have not come any closer to an attribution for this fine portrait. Personally, of the attributions suggested thus far, I tend to associate it most of all with Dujardin.

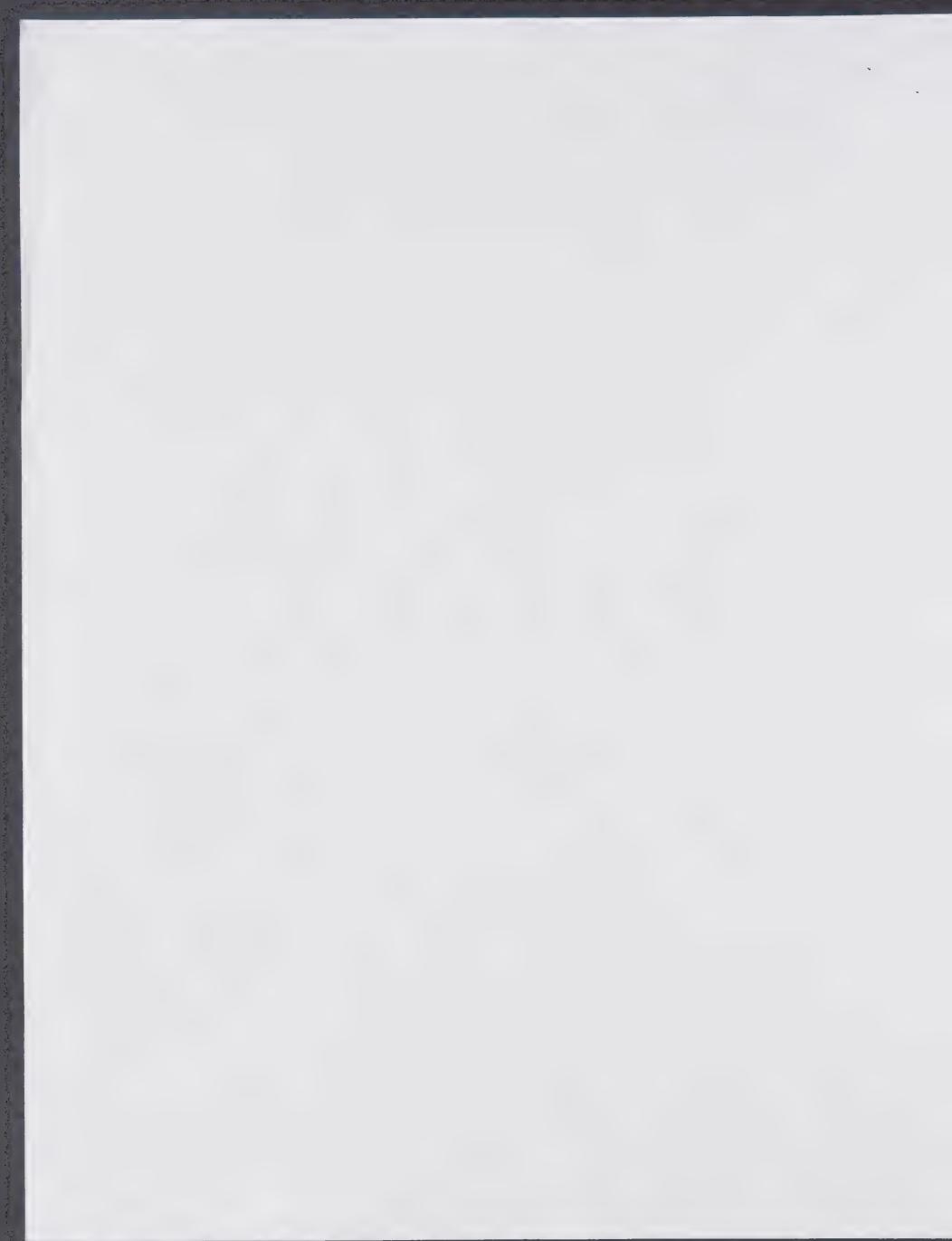
3 (Dutch, portrait of a young girl) Also for this charming girl we are still unable to suggest an author. It reminds me somewhat of Pieter Vereist's manner of the late 1640s, but certainly not enough so to allow attribution.

12 (Dutch, portrait of a young woman) Again, no progress. Sumowski's van Noordt suggestion seems quite unfounded.

14 (Jacob and Esau) Several colleagues have looked at this

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one and we are unable to offer a solution. Most probably the painting should be dated fairly late in the 17th century - post-Steen, I would say - but even the question if it is Dutch or not remains open.

16 (Skull) Even though such a skull on its own, however well painted, presents very little stylistic information, I feel that it is not a Netherlandish work, but rather an Italian or central European piece. Perhaps the music score on the paper can give an indication of the painting's origin as well as of a possible date (18th century?).

18 (Leiden School) Indeed not by Dou himself, but clearly by someone who has looked closely, not only at van Vliet's print, but also at Dou's paintings of similar subjects. I am unable, however, to connect it with any known follower of Dou or the young Rembrandt. I find it difficult to date it from the photographs (we also have some good details in our files), but do not exclude beforehand that it was painted significantly later in the century than the original image.

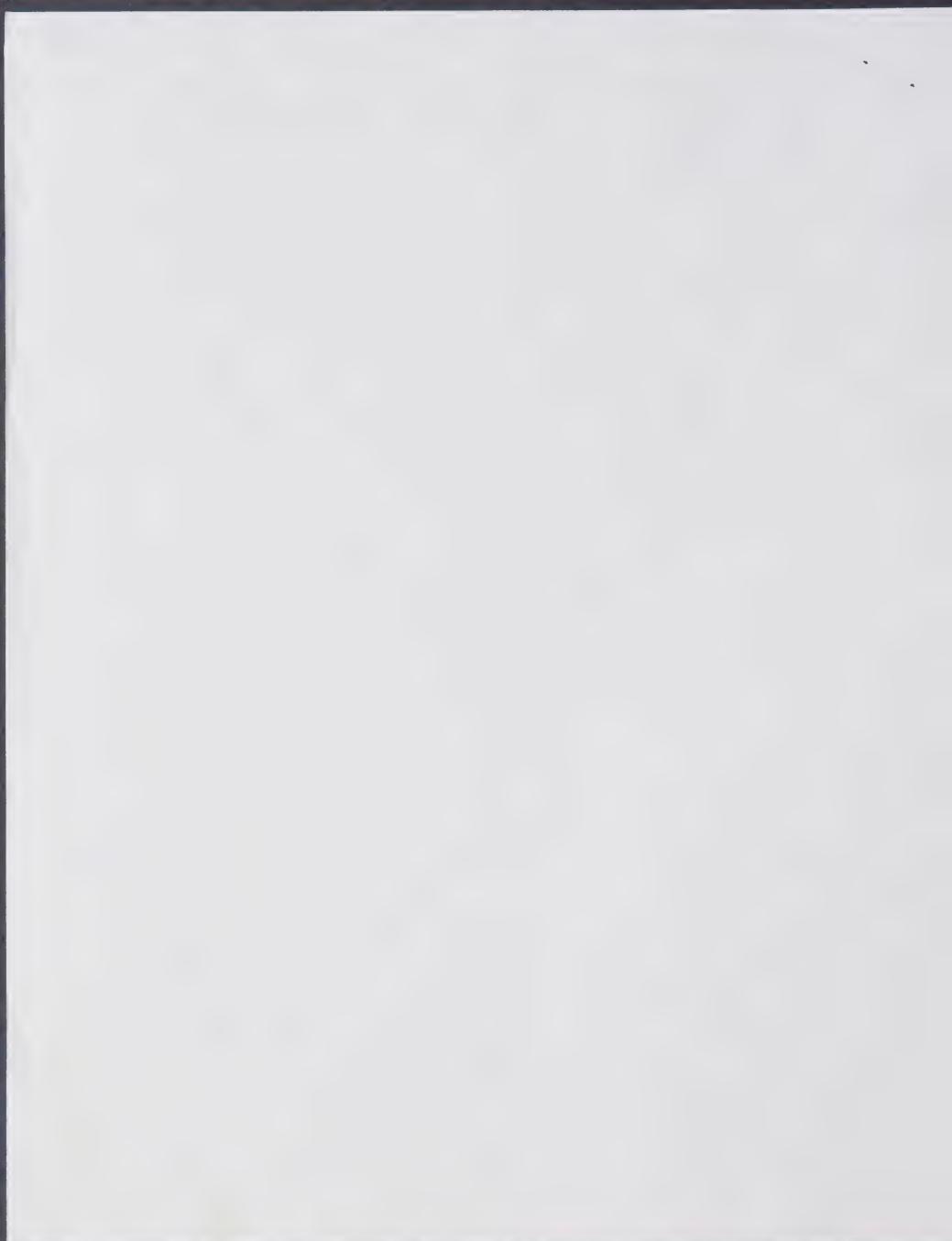
With very best regards,  
Yours sincerely,

*Fred Meijer*

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