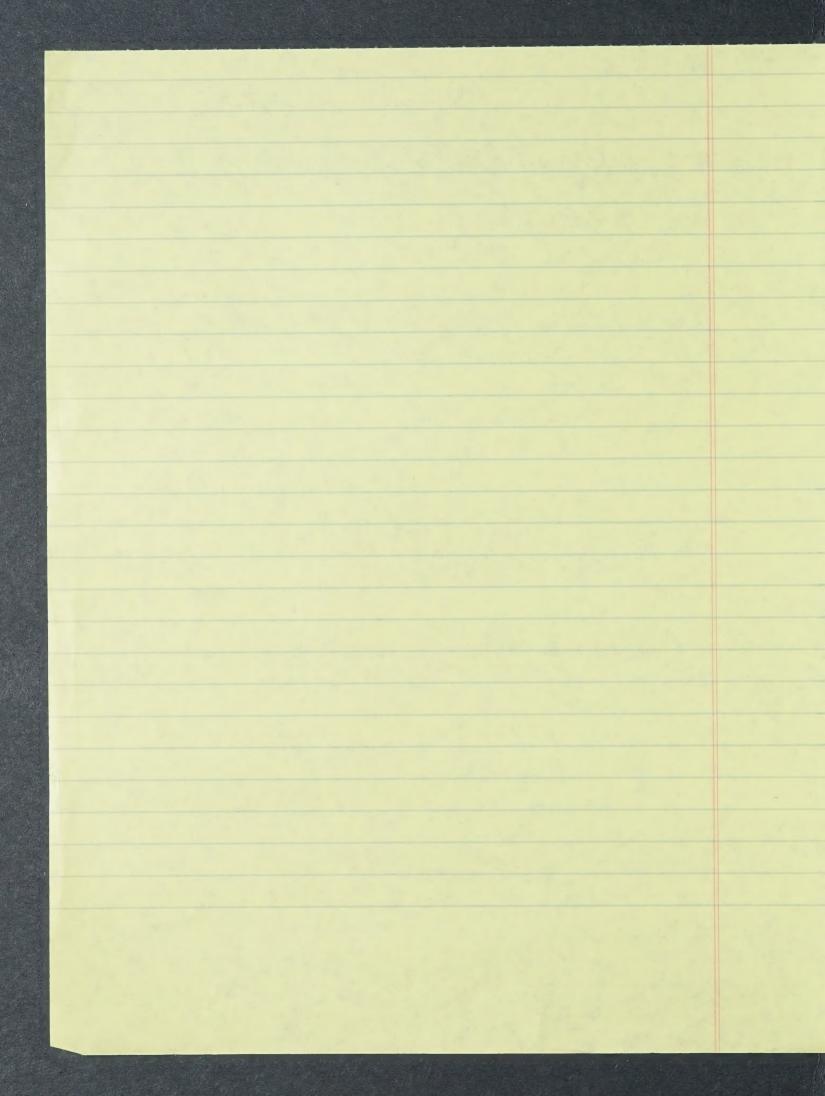
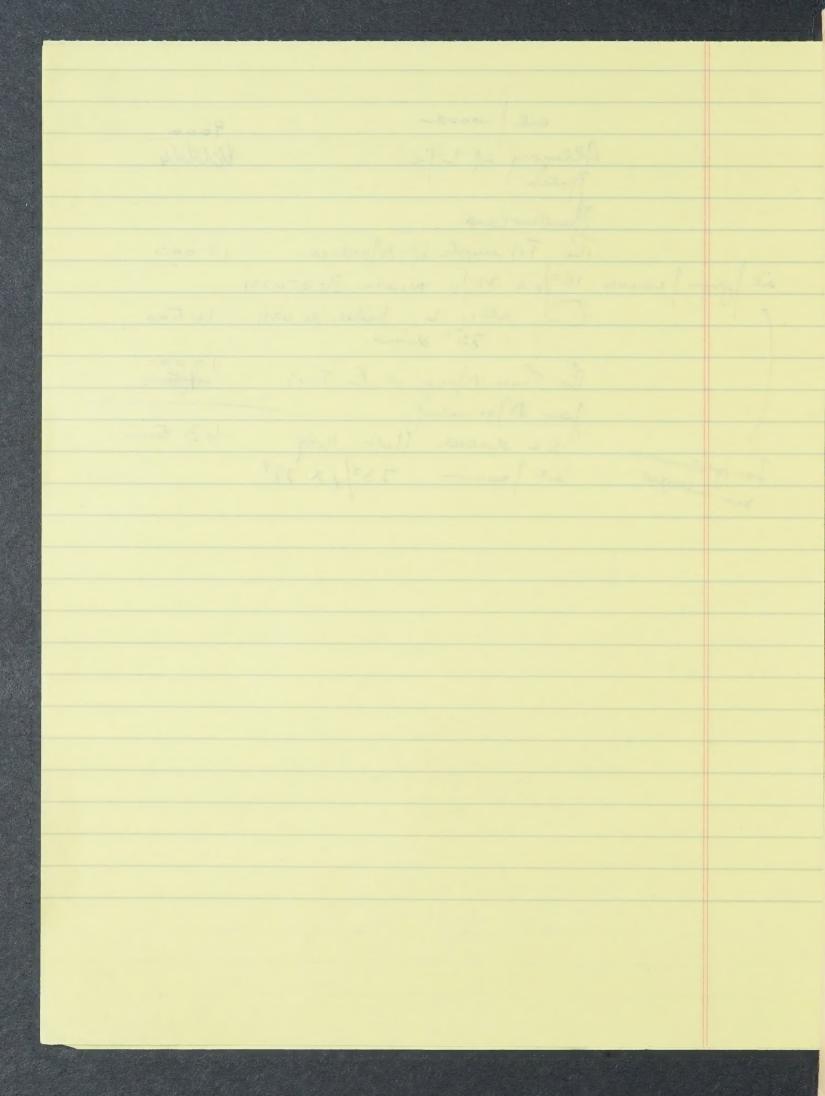




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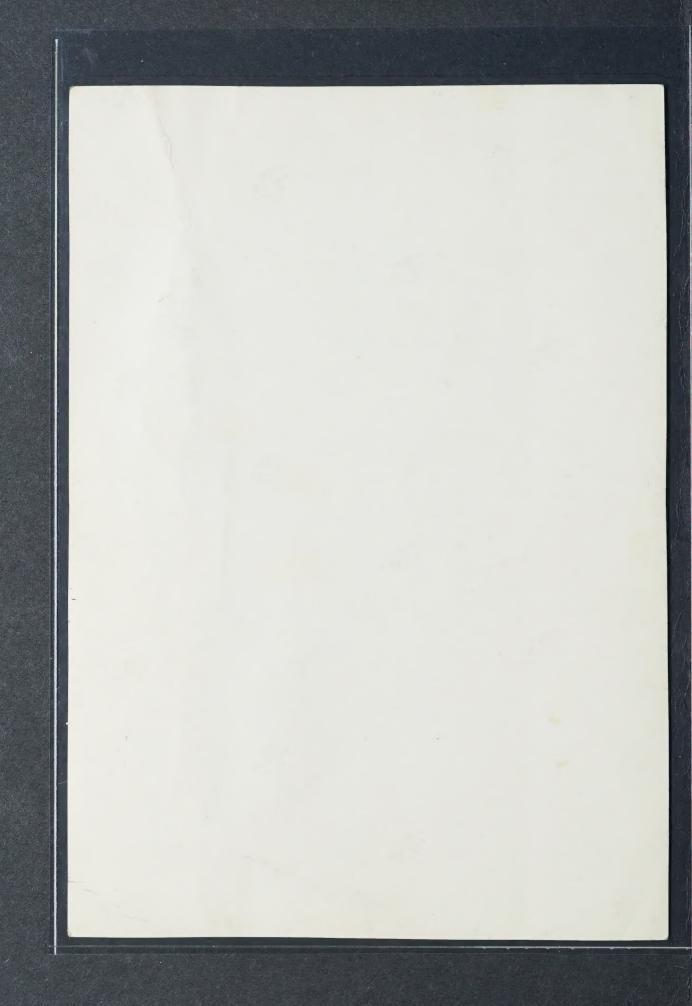
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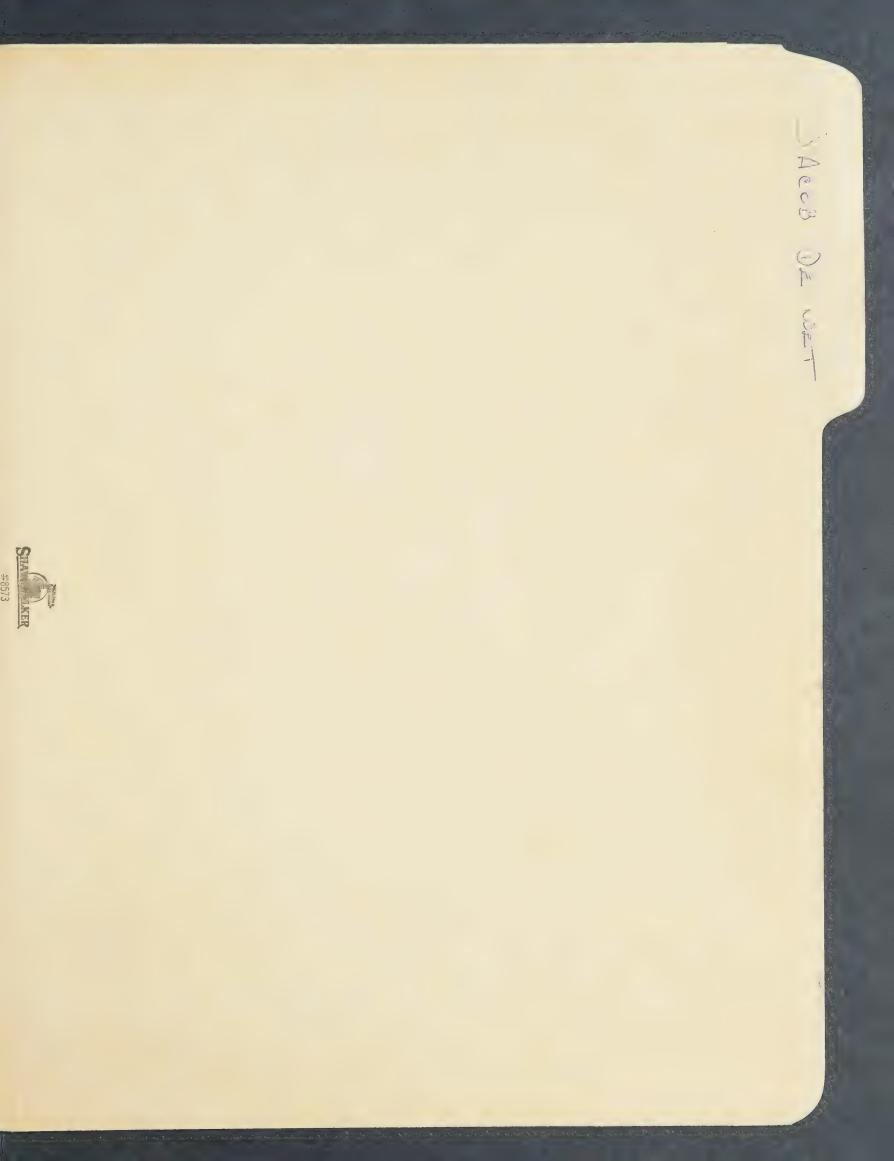








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ALDRICH CHEMICAL CO INC.

201 East 24th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

Telephone: 339-7661 February 12, 1971 Cable address: Minnart

Dr. Alfred Bader President Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. 940 West St. Paul Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Bader;

An exhibition, Dutch Eighteenth Century Painting and Drawing, will be presented in 1971-72 by three American museums: The Minneapolis Institute of Arts, The Toledo Museum of Art, and The Philadelphia Museum of Art.

As the first exhibition in America of this period of Dutch art, it is an attempt at a modest but comprehensive gathering of the best works available by these little-known artists. In each case, highest possible quality and beauty were the only criteria for selection; there will be spproximately 53 paintings and 53 drawings included. The exhibition will be supported by a fully illustrated and documented catalogue, containing a major essay by Dr. J. W. Niemeijer of the Rijksmuseum.

The exhibition will open in Minneapolis, October 7, 1971, travel to Toledo, and close in Philadelphia March 19, 1972; transportation between the three institutions will be in a sealed van with curatorial accompaniment. For European loans, we have engaged the good offices of N. V. Gerlach and Co., who have prepared and shipped many recent major continental exhibitions. All costs for packing, shipping and insurance will be paid by our museums.

You have my personal assurance that no drawing or painting will be exhibited in or near daylight, and where necessary, drawings will be framed with UF-1 ultra-violet protecting plexiglas and in rag mats. Tentative arrangements have been made with the shipper Gerlach n.v. and the insurance company Langeveldt de Vos de Waal concerning the safety and transportation of the loans.

We hope you will feel as we do the importance of this exhibition, and that you will consider favorably our enclosed request. The loan forms are expressive of our needs for this extremely special



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selection. You may keep the white copy of the loan form for your "records.

Please know how vital your loan will be to the success of the exhibition, and that in return, we will do all in our power to ease the task of the loan. As the catalogue must go to press soon, I shall be most grateful for your earliest consideration and reply.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely, Roger Mandle

Assistant Director



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56. A Shepherd and Shepherdess, in a landscape.

1 ft. 7 in. by 1 ft. 3 in.-P.

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57. The Nativity and Adoration of the Shepherds.

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58. Sarah presenting her Maid Hagar to Abraham. 2 ft. 8 in. by 2 ft. 2 in.—P.

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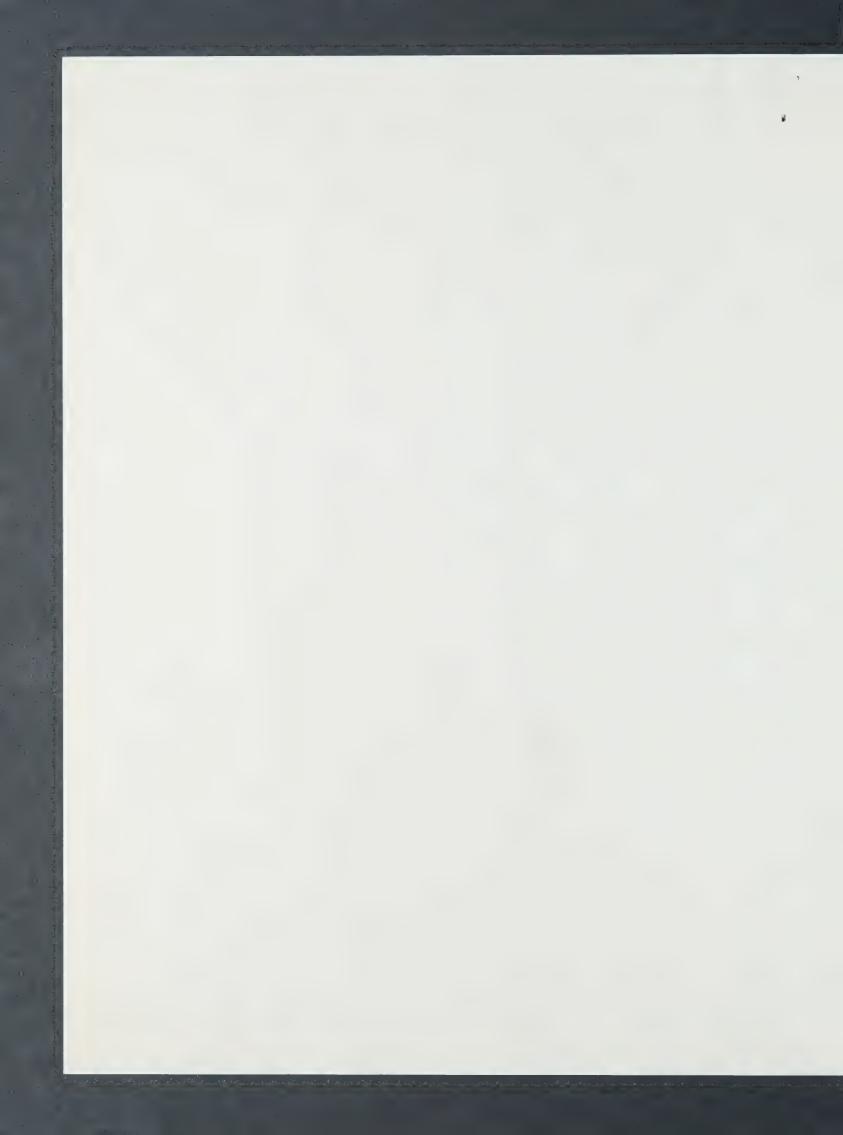
59. The Prodigal Son among Harlots.

2 ft. 2 in. by 1 ft. 6 in.-P.

Le Brun states, that this picture was sold by the family, after the death of the artist, to the Count Plettenburg, in the sale of whose collection, in 1738, it was adjudged at 4000 *flo.*, 360*l*.; and was probably bought in, as it was again put up, in 1743, and knocked down at 2650 *flo.*, 238*l*.

The preceding is, perhaps, the picture which is now in the gallery of the Sans Souci.

60. The Incredulity of St. Thomas. The Saviour is represented standing, with His right arm enveloped in a red mantle, His loins girt with a white drapery, and the rest of His body



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is reprel mantle, His body uncovered, while St. Thomas, bending on one knee before Him, is extending His right arm, the hand of which His Divine Master places upon His wounded side. In the background are seven other disciples; these are painted in such a subdued tone, as to give the fullest effect to the two principal figures. Engraved in the Tresham Gallery. Noticed by Descamps.

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Collection of M. Bicker Van Zwieten, 1741. . 1420 flo. 1281. Again in the collection of M. Bischop, of whom it was purchased for John Hope, Esq.

Exhibited in the British Gallery in 1818. Now in the collection of Henry Philip Hope, Esq.

61. Nymphs and Fauns dancing.

1 ft. 7 in. by 1 ft. 4 in.-P.

Collection of M. Bicker Van Zwieten, 1741. . 1300 flo. 117/.

62. The Holy Family. A composition of six figures. Mentioned by Descamps.

2 ft. 10 in. by 2 ft.—P.

Collection of Loort Van Sanvoort, Amst. 1757. 4060 flo. 3657. This is, perhaps, the picture which is now in the Gallery of the Sans Souci, at Potsdam.

63. The Holy Family. This is stated by Descamps to have been finished by Peter Vander Werf.

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64. A Family Subject, in which the artist has introduced the portraits of himself, his wife, and children.

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Collection of M. Van Zaamen, Hague, 1767. . 915 flo. 821.

65. The Entombment. The grouping of this picture represents the body of the Saviour, extended in front, supported at the head by Joseph of Arimathea, while the youthful St. John,



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News. 16 May

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January 20, 1971

Mr. Roger Mandle Assistant Director The Minneapolis Institute of Arts 201 East 24th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404

Dear Roger:

Thank you so much for your kind and most interesting letter of January 13th

How wonderful of you to find the drawing in the Albertina, and I return the drawing and hope that you will be able to borrow this drawing for your show.

Regarding the so-called 15th century Italian painting of which I sent you a photograph, it really didn't wear well with me, and I decided not to buy it. In the bulletin of the British Museum of 1968 there is described the work of a man called the Spanish Faker, who did rather similar work.

Best personal regards.

Very sincerely,

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January 13, 1971

Dr. Alfred R. Bader President Aldrich Chemical Company, Inc. 940 West St. Paul Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

Dear Alfred:

Thank you ever so much for sending 54 more Levy drawings, and the books. I apologize for being remiss in sending you a receipt from this office, but I was out of the country until the 19th of December, and then I was hit with a bad case of the flu during the holidays. I trust you received my telegram.

We will, as you instructed, only mat those drawings which will be selected for the possible Levy exhibition.

I am sending you with this letter a photograph of a drawing by van der Werff in the Albertina which you may know about, and which is most surely a study for the painting of yours. I knew you would be pleased to see it so I am enclosing it; could you kindly return it to me when you are finished with it as it is the only copy I have.

Tony has seen the photograph you sent and also thinks it very curious indeed; he has a friend in Italy to whom we might send it if you wish. This friend is an expert on 19th and 20th century fakes, which Tony thinks this piece might be.

My Dutch exhibition is going well; I have made a final list of the paintings and am working on the drawing list now. I hope to engage a Dutch firm, Gerlach, to assist with the shipping, and I'm optimistic that a Dutch printer, Meijer Wormerveer, N.V., will do the catalogue.

With best wishes and kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Roger Mandle Assistant Director

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November 11, 1969

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

Dear Dr. Bader:

Thank you very much for your interest in our Eighteenth Century Dutch exhibition. I now have a photograph of your extraordinary Adriaen van der Werff and am most grateful for your kind offer to include it in the exhibition. I am also interested to know more of your van Strij drawing and some of the Milwaukee Art Center's eighteenth century art holdings.

I hope very much to visit Milwaukee later this year and would be honored and grateful to meet you there, then. Again, with many thanks and regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

oger Mandle Assistant Director

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14 x 71 Dear alped, We mind you very much at the Dutch openning. When are you cominy? I'll be here except 28/31 c Nor 4/6 (his go to Rome c London Nav 13 / Dec. 11 - how about meeting also in Lordon?) Roger & I are larging to show you the exhibition c minica you both very much. The rhow is Lovely. This Thesday I even gave a lesting on Durch (C I Inlian) 15 m cenny painting (to me advantage of Itsland !!!) and centered it around Troost, The landscopists, genre and - most copically - a very great

Van Der Werff (guess whose ?)

Please come room.

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