

Copy

November 14th, 1955

Mr. Harold E. Howland
Specialists Division
International Educational Exchange Service
Department of State
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Howland,

Now that the time of departure is coming into view, I want to thank you very much for the opportunity that you are giving me and also I want to assure you that I want and will try very hard to live up to all your expectations of me and I will always be mindful of the responsibility that I have had vested in me. I am looking forward to the trip very much and will do everything I can to make it a great success.

One of the things that I had in mind to ask you when I saw you last in Washington was about insurance on my own life and on the sculpture that I am taking with me. I was wondering whether or not there is some provision made for such insurance; and if so, what does it consist of. Also, I find, on having assembled all the sculpture and equipment that is going in the sculpture crate, that I am 47 pounds over, and I am worried now on what to do about this; I am sure you know that I have kept all weight down to the absolute minimum.

I am enclosing the Power of Attorney writ which has been notarized. It has occurred to me that perhaps I should remind you of the clause you are to put into our contract which authorizes the payment of the Per Diem during my stay in Italy; this seems very important to me as today I was notified by S&B that my ticket is ready and also that of my wife which I am paying for in advance. Today, I picked up the last of the visas and Wednesday I get the last of the cholera shots, so that it really seems that I am about to take off. I shall call you on the telephone Thursday afternoon for answers to these questions and any others that come to my mind in the meantime.

Sincerely,

JOHN BRODER
285 6th Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.
WA 4-3579