

January 14th, 1955

Dear Bob:

Happy New Year to you and Delores and the rest of your family. I sincerely hope that by this time Delores has fully recovered from her temporary indisposition. Virus seems to be having a gala time here in the States as well; everytime the telephone rings it seems to be someone with a cold in the head or worse. But we are not as fortunate as you, for even our dog has a running nose. Have you forgotten what a damp-cold winter day in New York is like? If so, you are lucky.

In regard to your commissions: Belly Dancer was sold for \$320.00. Naturally, when Mr. Stark received your letter quoting the sale at \$320.00 he called me immediately for a return on his check, so that the sale had to go at \$320.00, although he was willing to pay \$350.00 for it until he received your letter. Mr. Stark had given you a \$15.00 deposit on Belly Dancer while he was in Rome, so that leaves you a balance of \$45.00 for commission, which is cancelled out by the \$48.00 check which we sent you, so that you owe me exactly \$3.00.

As to the Steinberg Dancers: In your last letter you state that you had deducted commission on \$1200.00. This is the correct commission you should receive with regard to our previous agreement that you should receive commission on the amount left over above the cost of materials and casting. I have a notation in your handwriting showing that you took commission. Believe me, Bob, nothing could make me happier than for you to sell more for me that I might give you bigger and better commissions.

Best luck for your gallery in this new year.

Sincerely,