



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

FREDERIC A. DAVIDSON, Jr., Commissioner

March 25, 1969

Castagna & Son
2110 Northern Boulevard
Manhasset, L.I. 11030

In Reply Refer To 210.200
HO-225 - New 800 Bed
Harlem Hospital
Contract No. 1 - General Construction
Payment for Bronze Sculpture

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a bill from Modern Art Foundry, requesting final payment for casting and finishing the bronze sculpture for the above project.

Please be advised that Mr. Rhoden is not satisfied in the finish of the sculpture and in the manner in which it was installed.

On February 3, 1969 this Department wrote you a letter informing you that the "installation shall be done under the direction of John Rhoden, the sculptor, and a representative from this Department". Your letter answering our February 3rd letter is dated Friday, February 7th, and was received by this Department on Tuesday, February 11, 1969. It states that "installation is to proceed on the 10th or 11th of this month," February, and that Mr. Rhoden would be advised of the "exact date". Apparently your statements in this letter are in conflict.

Mr. Rhoden tells this Department that he was not informed until the seventh of March, two (2) days after the sculpture was installed. He visited the job on the day he was informed and tried to get adjustment in the setting of the sculpture in relation to the background. He could get very little adjustment as the length of bolts and the installation already made precluded any further adjustment. However, further adjustment is required by this Department to satisfy Mr. Rhoden's aesthetic requirements.

Mr. Rhoden informs this Department that the sculpture requires polishing. Modern Art Foundry has promised Mr. Rhoden that they will do the finishing.

No further payments can be made until Mr. Rhoden certifies that he is

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satisfied with the condition of the sculpture, and in accordance with the terms of the Contract, acceptable to the satisfaction of the Municipal Art Commission.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH L. HAUTMAN, R.A.
Director
Bureau of Building Design

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