

May 3rd, 1958

Mr. Harold E. Howland
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Department of State
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Howland,

On returning from Italy recently, where I had cast in bronze 25 new sculptures, I was immediately beset with an income tax problem of the year 1956; for that year I deducted the cost of transportation for my wife, Richanda, who accompanied me on the tour and who did a considerable amount of work while on it and who I think contributed greatly to whatever success it may have had.

What I would appreciate very much, would be a letter from you, addressed in the body of the letter to Internal Revenue Service, but addressed on the envelope to me, here at 285 Eighth Avenue; it would be good if your letter stated that it was suggested and highly desirable that Richanda accompany me; that she worked with me and assisted me; that she made a necessary contribution to the program; also, that her expenses and travel were not reimbursed.

In regard to the new sculpture I did in Italy; many of them are the outcome of inspiration and ideas I received from the tour, and yet there are several that are more American in theme than anything I had ever done before, perhaps inspiration by observation from afar? Well, at any rate I'd like you to see them.

Hoping to hear from you soon. Many thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,