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Dear Mercedes,

I have your letter of September 20th, and forgive me for my silence. I have been away for almost two months--a month in France, two weeks in England--then I returned to the United States and was in Princeton visiting my dear friend Jacques Maritain for two weeks until he left a few days ago to return to Paris.

I write this in haste to let you know that I was finally able to show the Lipchitz bronze to Mr. Lester Avnet. Jacques Lipchitz had urged me to present the bronze first to Mr. Avnet. I was not able to show it before because, when I was here, Mr. Avnet was in Europe. He is a very famous collector of art works and has an excellent collection of bronzes by Lipchitz. He has made an offer of \$1,500 for your plaque, and says he will go no higher. I think I told you that Jacques Lipchitz himself said I should ask \$3,000 so I have been asking that price. But so far no buyers except Mr. Avnet's offer of \$1,500.

I will contact Mr. Lipchitz as soon as I can to see if he has any further suggestions. He said I should come back to him if I needed further help. I want to see you get a higher price for this bronze. However, Mr. Avnet showed me a statue by Lipchitz called "el Mercurio" which is a far more important work than the bronze plaque, and which he says he purchased directly from Lipchitz for \$2,000.

I want to know your thoughts. I can obtain the \$1,500 for you immediately from Mr. Avnet, or would you like me to wait and make more inquiries now that I am once again back in the States? Two other collectors who had phoned me about the matter and to whom I sent photographs of the plaque some months ago, have never answered my letters. I will telephone Mr. Lipchitz tomorrow, in any case, and hope he might have other suggestions.

Dear Mercedes, I want you to share with me a most joyful event. On October 29th, in St. Paul's Catholic Church in Princeton I was Baptized in the Holy Roman faith, and my beloved Jacques Maritain was with me as my Godfather (Padrino). I do not need to tell you what an overwhelming and happy occasion this was.

Forgive me that I write this in English. My most affectionate regards to you and Diego.

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