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Mr. Earl F. Seymour,
350 West 31st St.,
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Seymour:-

Some time ago I had some correspondence with you regarding an Optika camera. I have hesitated somewhat to order one without seeing it, and I have hoped to find one in a camera store somewhere. However, I have not yet seen the camera. I did see an article about it which recommended it highly for just the purpose I want it, namely portraiture. I still have the multiscope which I should like to send it in trade.

Would you send me the camera on approval with the enclosed check as a deposit. I have been debating as to whether to get this or a Hasselblad. While I know the many virtues of the Hasselblad there are several things I prefer about the Optika. I do not like the square format, and while I know the excellence of manufacture, the price is very high. Now that Eastman is again making a 2 1/2 x 3 1/4 film pack with the Plus X Pan film emulsion, I definitely lean to the Optika. The one thing I gather I cannot do is an upright without turning the camera.

In any event, I do want to see it and try it. If I do decide to keep it could you give me a little time on the balance of or rather beyond \$100. cash plus the multiscope?

I would want the following equipment.

- Camera with your best 135mm lens. (I assume that this has preset stops)
- 1 film pack adapter.
- 1 roll film adapter.
- 1 case or bag.

3 cut film holders.

One question can you use a cable release with this shutter? If so please include one with the camera.

Hoping that I will find this camera all that I anticipate, I am

Very truly yours,