

524 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico
March 8th 1962

Mr. Walter R. Benjamin
18 West 77th Street
New York, 21 N.Y.

Dear Sir :

I am enclosing six Polaroid photographs (reduced) of a series of 204 whichographs of members of the House and Senate of the United States secured during the session of 1849.

They are enclosed in a small autograph book which is in poor shape and were secured by a young lady who was related to the book's present owner, Miss Laura Gilpin of this city.

No check has been made as to who made up the members of the House and Senate as of 1849 but this can be done and comparisons made with the autographs.

Would you be interested in the purchase of this item ? If you should be a full set of Polaroids can be made and sent on to you. Of course Miss Gilpin is very much interested in ^{PN} the offer and you may either correspond with me or with Miss Gilpin directly if you so desire. Her address is 409 Camino del Monte Sol, this City.

Very truly yours

Roy Rosen

r/e

P.S. If this item is of little or no interest to you will you please suggest someone in the autograph business who might be ? The return of the photographs would be appreciated.

Walter R. Benjamin *Autographs*



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MARY A. BENJAMIN, Director

NEW YORK 21, NEW YORK

March 12, 1962

Mr. Roy Rosen
524 Camino del Monte Sol
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Rosen:

I guess you really are not aware of the fact that our field is a good deal more serious than it is generally understood to be. We seldom handle simple signatures. Our field is devoted to the handling of letters of these people, preferably letters that have fine contents. Albums containing signatures of the men represented in your group of Polaroid photographs are extremely common. I mention this type of album in my book, "Autographs: A Ken to Collecting."

Simple signatures have very small value. I would offer you about twelve dollars for the signatures represented on these six photographs. I doubt that this offer will be of interest to you, and therefore I return the photographs to you.

Should you ever secure letters of these persons I would be much interested, and could make then a more generous offer.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures

Mary A. Benjamin

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