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Nell dear:

Many thanks for your sweet and understanding letter. And please do not be petrified of museums - they are only a reflection of the people who live in them and for them, and many of the workers are beautiful, the majority of my colleagues being in this group of the loving elect. There are others I cannot understand, which may be a reflection of age and inadequacy, for their world seems to me neither brave nor new, and I cannot abide coldness and calculation.

It is wonderful of you to send the prints and I know that they will be loved by many and by me. May we have titles (if any) and dates, please? And I do

hope that you will be happy when you come to the Artists' Preview. René is a master of installation and design, and your beauty is safe in his beautiful hands.

I know how you must feel about Chris, and how you will miss him and yearn for him. Maybe he will be fortunate enough to find his way into a photography unit - young Merg Ross (the son of the California architect) who brought in his first - and fine - portfolio at 16, is in the Service, and in the field he loves, as well. Give Chris my best - he will be in my thoughts.

I hope that your Texas time will be happier than you envision it, and that your new grand-daughter will bring you the joy

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you deserve.

I have sent you a favorite book, which will welcome you upon your return to serenity. I promise to reform and be less of a trial to those misguided enough to believe in me.

With grateful love always -

Grace

P.S. Thought you might like to know that our beloved Captain will be 85 on March 27th.