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Dearest Nell:

Forgive me for being out of touch for so long, working full time left me so little time to pursue outside interests. I have finally made the decision to go on my own, as I have found two photographers, Neal Slavin and Elizabeth Huxley, whom I feel I can work very well with. They are aware of my lack of experience and that it will take me some time to generate work. They are very supportive which relieves a lot of the pressure.

I have been walking over to ICP on Sundays to talk to the sales people and see how your photographs are doing. There is plenty of response but people find them too expensive and too somberly framed. I am taking the four photographs they have out this week, and will notify Mrs. Calish. They are not properly displayed or in the right company.

The two galleries I have in mind are the Witkin Gallery on East 57th Street, who represents such people as:
Bernice Abbott, Manuel Alvarez Bravo, Richard Avedon, Diane Arbus, Brassai, Jacques H. Lartique, Barbara Morgan, Karl Struss, W. Eugene Smith, Edward Weston, Walker Evans, Francis Bruguiere, etc.

(Lotte Jacobi is with the Light Gallery), and Daniel Wolf – 41 W. 57th. who deals in late 19th C. and early 20th C. photographers. Another Gallery I want to look into is the Castelli Gallery on East 77th Street, I will have to let you know whom they represent later on this week.

Parke Bernet and Christie's are not scheduled to have any photography sales until the Spring but I shall contact both shortly and let you know their reaction.

I miss Connecticut terribly, but at least the children still enjoy it with Paul, which is very important as it means so much to them too and grandparents are very special. I'm including a cheque for $100.00 which I still owe you for January and February.

Any news from our wandering dutch man . . . ?

Much love Nell, I miss not seeing you, and I will call you towards the end of the week to see what you think of all this.

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