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DEAR

Dear Stuart,

You don't have to write me every day this week just to atone for your sins. Just answer the letters I send you as promptly as you are able and every thing will be fine.

Here it is November - only about 3 weeks until I'll be seeing you. I can't wait to get back to Louisiana - to the tropics - it's too cold up here. I hope to do some painting if I have enough time. I will not be rushed but since I've had a little more practice since last year I should be able to work more quickly even though I'll want to use dry brush. Louisiana in the winter time has very special moods, very powerful ones and so if I don't paint during Thanksgiving perhaps I can during Christmas vacation. at any rate I will try to paint something.

I'm glad you like the study I sent you. There are parts of it that I really like, especially the area of the mouth where you can feel it's a wet watercolor. The frame sounds like it's a beauty. I originally had it in a warm brown frame with a 5" white mat around it and it looked very good. By the way the picture is yours to keep. I've done another one of him in side profile which is a very good one - the best head I've done yet.

Barclay
Henderson

I've started one of a negro who is posing for me at school and if it comes out any where as good as the drawing seems to indicate it's going to be probably my finest depiction of a human. So I hope to be able to show you some good work when I see you.

So I must know exactly what your schedule is going to be. I've been thinking on visiting Jim as you know, but I don't think I'll be able to juggle both your schedules especially since you get off the day before Thanksgiving, so I'll probably just fly down to New Orleans. If you have any plans let me know soon.

Last night Pete invited me to a concert of the Philadelphia Orchestra. They played an early symphony by Haydn that was superb and then they played a symphony by Mahler which over all bored me, But I had a good time.

And that's all I can write for now. Let me know what I have to do concerning coming down and also let me know if you got my Mayan Book.

S. M.