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Dear Alex and Gabby,

Scott and I have discussed what he has in mind for your portraits, and he suggests the following for your consideration.

Scott would like to do both portraits the same size as a matched pair, the measurements for each to be approximately 30 inches by 35 inches unframed. The medium that Scott prefers is watercolor for its extra subtleties.

The price for each portrait will be \$35,000 plus sales tax for a three-quarter length portrait with hands. Allow six months for each to be completed. We would prefer to photograph you ourselves in a setting that we may determine together.

Once we have mutually decided on the photos to be used and Scott will begin work, he will require a 50% non-refundable deposite to start the painting. Even though Scott is requesting six months to complete each portrait, he almost certainly will do the work in less time.

I will be back from Paris on the sixth of May, and will be ready to come to Austin to make photographs at your convenience. One day should be sufficient.

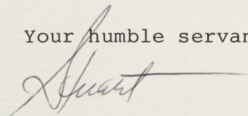
At the moment Scott is working on a truly fantastic portrait of President Bush from photos we took of him at his Crawford ranch. Having studied the presidential portraits at the White House on Nancy's and my visit in January I can say with confidence that this picture will be utterly unique and much better than anything hanging in the White House, with the possible exception of Sargent's wonderful portrait of Theodore Roosevelt displayed in the East Room.

Scott is very excited about doing your portraits, and, infact, has wanted to do them for a long time but has been so busy. It seems that he is always going to be busy, so now is as good a time as any to undertake the project. I have checked with Nancy, and May 13th and 14th is a good time for her as well.

Looking forward to seeing you and telling you about our wonderful trip to the White House! Untill then, I remain . .

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Your humble servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stuart", written in dark ink.