

May 27, 2005

Mr. Don Evans -

Dear Sir:

I am sorry that I will not be able to accept the Commission of the Commerce Department to paint your portrait.

But I genuinely wanted to paint your portrait & believe was abundantly evidenced by the correspondence and material which I submitted to your office and to the Department of Commerce. But for medical reasons flowing mainly & do with eye strain from overwork I have been told by my eye doctor to reduce my painting obligations. And as stubborn as I am, I must reluctantly agree.

I really look forward to meeting you and perhaps showing some Glen Weddles <sup>about</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>to</sup> you just finally. The May photo, Stuart and I have the greatest affection for President and Mrs. Bush, who have not only become patrons but real friends.

Again, Sir, I apologize for any delay inconvenience or delay I may have caused.

I do hope that all paths might cross one of these days, and I wish you the best of luck with your portrait project.

Sincerely