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Waddington Galleries
2 Cork Street
London W1X1PA
ENGLAND

Attn: Alan Cristia

Dear Mr. Cristia:

Thank you for your considerate letter of May 18. We very much appreciated Patrick's kind gesture in arranging for the prints to be sent here to coincide with his very successful visit. It is most unfortunate that you were not notified of their arrival in London and that the agents, Freedman & Slater, were so slow in making the shipment. From an appreciation of Patrick's kind gesture, I have called Freedman & Slater and, after a lengthy conversation, it would seem that the airline is responsible for notifying you of the arrival of a shipment. The airline Air Freight Bill, which is essential for shipment, must include the address for the delivery of the shipment. It was, according to Freedman and Slater, the responsibility of the airline to notify you of the arrival of the shipment since you were the addressee included on the Airfreight bill. The secondary responsibility lay with Emery, who could also read the airfreight bill and the address included upon it in their warehouse.

The College does a fair amount of business with Freedman & Slater and I believe it is in their interest to be truthful with us. I asked them to intervene, knowing of their close association with Emery at Albany, but they said that there was no point since the charge was incurred in London. They suggested that the matter should be handled in London and that the Airline which carried the shipment should be held responsible for the charges by reason of their failure to notify you of the consignments arrival. They said it was impossible for a shipment to travel without an airfreight bill, which was fed into a computer as well, and that the airfreight bill would contain your address or else the shipment would not have been routed to London.

I am willing to pursue the matter further with Emery, but in view of the College's relation with Freedman & Slater I am inclined to trust their judgement. The airline certainly notified us by telegram and letter of your shipment of the prints.

I would appreciate it if you could explore the matter further with the airline in London and thus find an easy solution which should end this embarrassing situation without further cost to either party.
Yours sincerely,

Grahame Shane

p.s. I have just heard the terrible news about Deliah.

Grahame Shane
Art Division