

August \_\_, 2015

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Artex Fine Art Services  
8712 Jericho City Drive  
Landover, MD 20785-4761

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Dear [REDACTED], (b)(6)

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) hereby authorizes Artex Fine Art Services (Artex) to transport and release eighteen paintings to Connersmith, the representatives of the Estate of Sheila Melzac (Melzac Estate), after each painting has been restored. The eighteen paintings are on loan from the Melzac Estate to the CIA and are currently in Artex's possession where, with the exception of Mehring's Brilliance, they are undergoing restoration. The CIA confirms that the paintings are insured while in the custody of Artex.

In light of the Melzac Estate's preference to take possession of the eighteen paintings as they are restored, Artex is now authorized to release the restored paintings to Connersmith. The Melzac Estate has agreed to cover transportation costs for the first shipment of paintings from Artex to Connersmith while the CIA will pay for transportation costs for one shipment to Connersmith of the remaining paintings. After receipt of each painting from ARTEX, Connersmith will sign a release agreement confirming acceptance of the artwork. Upon acceptance of each painting by Connersmith, CIA shall bear no responsibility or liability for any damages or loss to the artwork.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] (b)(3)  
Member,  
Fine Arts Commission