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~~The remaining~~ sum of \$ 1650 ~~the one~~
 that ~~it~~ ~~remains~~ would then be paid to me ~~since~~
 you ~~indoubt~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~ ~~sure~~ ~~to~~ ~~your~~
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 with you ~~repaid~~?, Or if you ~~then~~ had in
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 as they came in. This of course would
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 three quarters ~~perhaps~~ I know + agree
 that ~~sell~~ it is ~~better~~ to sell on these
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 is the fact that I ~~need~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~ready~~
 cash I can get. I ~~must~~ ~~do~~ ~~it~~ ~~now~~ ~~by~~ ~~and~~
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 you would ~~clear~~ ~~up~~ ~~my~~ ~~intent~~ ~~as~~ ~~about~~
 these ~~matters~~ ~~and~~ ~~would~~ ~~also~~ ~~like~~ ~~to~~ ~~say~~
 ask that while I do ~~appreciate~~ ~~the~~ ~~sale~~
 the pictures ~~and~~ I hope you ~~would~~ ~~have~~
 to dispose of the ~~main~~ me on such
 an ~~basis~~ is.

Since the ~~same~~ ~~thing~~ ~~is~~ ~~done~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~way~~ ~~to~~ ~~sell~~ ~~the~~ ~~pictures~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~ ~~for~~ ~~50/50~~

P.S. ~~Swater~~ ~~Thank~~ ~~you~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~information~~
 perhaps you ~~had~~ ~~in~~ ~~mind~~ ~~to~~
 pay me ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~pictures~~ ~~on~~ ~~a~~ ~~50/50~~ ~~basis~~ - ~~until~~ ~~course~~ ~~is~~ ~~paid~~ ~~up~~ ?
 All ~~right~~ ~~is~~ ~~paid~~ ~~up~~ ?
 Love
 to you both

[Letter from Allen Tanner to Kirk Askew]

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My dear Kirk: ~~It is with~~ I have just a letter I must [illegible] ~~I am very~~ sadly to announce to you (unless you have already heard) the death in Moscow—on Oct [23rd?] of Varvara Feodorovna Zaruduy (“Barbe”) Pavlik’s favorite sister. She had been hopelessly ill for a very long time and ~~it~~ for her it is really a blessing ~~blessing dispensation~~ still it leaves his other ~~very~~ beloved sister Manya entirely alone now in Russia and in very ~~difficult~~ [straightened?] circumstances. ~~And~~ Shoura is of course ~~awfully terribly~~ very stricken and feels as well ~~a while terribly frustrated~~ in her efforts to be ~~much~~ enough help. I know you will want to write her ~~a note~~ so I’m getting this off to you right after [illegible] read her letter.

George Dix told me the other day that my “Dahlia’s” have been sold and I was of course ~~very~~ extremely ~~grat~~ glad to hear that! But he’s stated “I was not to be paid until the Gallery was paid.” The terms as he briefly explained them terribly “long-term” to me and I wonder if he meant not until you had collected from the \$100 monthly payments you [illegible] of \$550.00 (out of the \$2200.00) and

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that ~~the~~ my ~~remaining~~ [remaining?] sum of \$1650 ~~due me~~ would then be paid to me (since you [undoubtedly?] ~~must be~~ are sure of your clients credit ~~& his discharge of his obligation~~ & regularity of settling ~~with you regularly~~). Or if you ~~then~~ had in mind only sending me ~~the~~ [this?] monthly payment as they came in. This of course would take I imagine ~~at~~ a good year and three quarters, while I know & agree that ~~sell~~ it is perhaps better to sell on this bases than not to sell at all—still you realize that my reason for selling pictures I would much rather keep is the fact that I very [illegible] need all the ready cash I can get. I must for since drastic health reasons [arrow showing insert in left margin:] since they ~~all~~ have [illegible] to remove the [illegible] ~~remain inactive~~ I had her drive for so long—~~since I cannot return to the~~ I had to terminate [illegible] because I must not try and help Shoura in some way to get to Manya in Russia. I’d appreciate it if you would clarify for me your intentions about ~~these matters~~ the matter—~~and~~ but would also like to say ~~ask~~ that while I do greatly appreciate the sale of the pictures I hope you won’t have to dispose of the remaining ones at such an extended basis.

Sorry to have missed you & Constance at the very beautiful [Florine?] show ~~and~~ but send devoted love to you both.

Allen

P.S. Another thought, perhaps you had your mind [illegible] to paying me & then Gallery on a 50/50 basis—until your [illegible] is [entirely?] paid up