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Copy of letter sent to Mr Morris Fish

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Dear Mr Fish:

My friend -
Mr Parker Tyler - is going to
Europe - on May 5th - and will
visit Paulik's sister - Shoura -
in Paris. I have requested
him to bring back my pictures
for me - which he kindly said
he would be glad to do. I have
been assisting him - to a great
extent - ~~with~~ ^{with} the Biography he is
now in the process of preparing -
about Paulik.

Since the pictures (and some
drawings) have already belonged
to me for over thirty years - and
are therefore not subject to
designation or selection - by the
Committee of Four - named in
the Will - this procedure is

my part - would not be
running counter to the actual
provisions - and the eventual
settlement of said Will. However -
I do not want to pay duty -
on these possessions - since they
were given to me - and not
bought. To assure this - however -
it would seem that I should
have a paper - stating they
were gifts - to show to the
Customs Agents. And since
Pauline is not here - to furnish
such a paper - it then follows
that Shoura - who knows the
pictures (and also that they
were gifts) would be - logically -
the next party to have the
authority to draw up for me -
such a paper. Could she
do this - through her lawyer
in Paris ?? She has told me
she would - of course - be glad
to cooperate in expediting this

matter - and that she thinks
such a paper would be
necessary to avoid paying
duties. Should she stipulate -
in such a paper - that her
Brother gave them to me - or
perhaps - better still - that
she herself is giving them
to me - making it all more
"up to date" - ??

I should be so very grateful
if you would advise us - in
this matter - as quickly as
your convenience will permit -
as I must tell her immediately
what to do. All this would
aid me greatly - as I do not see
any imminent possibility of
my going to Paris - myself - to
attend to these matters personally.
Thanking you - warmly - in advance -
for any assistance in this matter -
I beg to remain - Very Sincerely Yours
and with kindest regards
yours Allen Turner