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Miss Louise Bourgeois
142 East 18 Street
New York, 3, N.Y.

Dear Miss Bourgeois;

I received your letter of May 5 and the attached list of references to the exhibit of French writing during the Resistance period yesterday. After checking your references, and speaking on the telephone today with Miss Eleanor Lust, I hereby give you my authorization to obtain from Prof. Eugene Sheffer the art books and the periodicals which belong to me and which were loaned to him for the Maison Francaise exhibit. Naturally he will want receipts for same before delivery. Miss Lust assured me that she will be able to arrange transport of the material from Columbia to the Gallery and will get in touch with Prof. Sheffer on this matter tomorrow.

You will naturally have to refer to the other people or organizations who loaned materials to Prof. Sheffer to get their permission to use the material they lent him. I believe that includes Columbia University Library, the OWI (see attached letter to Miss Jeanie Begg) and the French Press and Information Service. Prof. Sheffer will be able to clarify you on this point.

I am sure that all concerned would like some special insurance on the material donated for the exhibit, as most of it includes the single copies extant in the USA. And naturally proper guard facilities at the gallery, which Miss Lust assures me is on hand.

I hope that the exhibit is a success, and that artistic and literary circles in New York have a chance to see some of the excellent work that was done by the resistance writers inside France. Prof. Sheffer, I am sure will give you all the help he can to achieve this goal. I shall be glad to visit the exhibit when you have set it up.

Yours sincerely,

Peter C. Rhodes
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