

19 HANKOW ROAD  
SHANGHAI

December 21, 1928.

My dear Gertrude,

*MWch32:*

Your telegram from Eugene has been relaid to me from Peping and has just reached me. I am glad to know that you are so pleased with the pictures, for it is always an uncertainty as to whether what pleases one person will please another. The paintings that I sent you were all good even though they are not signed by great masters. So often these signatures and seals have little meaning and it is always the painting itself which counts. I do not know whether or not you had already seen the pictures when you cabled me, but if not I am sure that you will be more delighted than ever when you see them. I will keep in mind your request to spend another \$2,000 for you and it is possible that either here or in Peping I may be able to find some more pictures which will please you.

You will not find it much trouble to have them framed and covered with glass, though by rolling up both ends you would be able to exhibit them as they are on the wall of any room which did not have too low a ceiling. Personally I favor putting them into frames and cutting off all the surroundings which often detract from the beauty of the pictures.

Again I am not to be home at Christmas or New Year's but will spend the days with the children and grandchildren here. The two Marys will be by themselves in Peping but they will not be alone, for we have invited a goodly number of foot-loose people to dinner in our house.

Much love to you and all good wishes for the New Year which is so near at hand and will be already passed before this reaches you,

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*John*

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