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DEAR MR. WESTERMAN,

YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I AM A GREAT ADMIRER OF YOUR WORK. I AM TWENTY FIVE YEARS OLD, AND HAVE RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH A BEA. IN SCULPTURE AND WOODWORKING.

I ATTENDED THE RECENT EXHIBITION OF YOURS AT THE SANFRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART. I WAS HOPING THAT YOU WOULD BE AT THE OPENING BUT, WAS DISAPPOINTED TO FIND THAT YOU COULD'NT MAKE IT., AS I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING AND TALKING WITH YOU.

ENCLOSED IS SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT. IT WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR TO KNOW THAT YOU POSSESS ONE OF MY PIECES. I HOPE THAT YOU FIND IT ENJOYABLE. I CALL THE PIECE "OPERA LIPS".

I ADMIRE THAT YOU MADE IT IN THE ART WORLD, WHICH I AM NOW FINDING IS FILLED WITH A LOT OF PHONEY JERKS. I REALLY LIKE YOUR PHIL OSOPHY WHICH IS REPRESENTED IN YOUR WORK. YOU SEEM TO HAVE COME THROUGH WITH YOUR PERSON-ALITY IN TACT.

letter

Date

December 12, 1979

Primary Maker

H. C. (Horace Clifford) Westermann

Medium

Handwritten letter with envelope

Description

Fan letter from young sculptor in Oakland, CA. He encloses a piece of his called Opera Lips that he would like to give HCW as a Christmas gift.