Basic Detail Report

Dear Cliff and Joanna....

Christmas cheer!

Got lots of the old Xmas spirit this year - the old femily man ... wife in the kitchen, kids in the "femily room (looking like something from the N.C.O. off post quarters) with some undeciplined kids doing jumps off the window sill that would break my neck if I tried one. Incredible nerve, jumping and disobeying me! In the spirit of world peace and gift giving full stockings this year boys - have to concentrate on that area since peace is just just an abstraction . Anyway Merry Christmas, we got your letter and cards today. The kids loved their cards and we loved your kind words. Glad you finally got that cup (I was beginning to worry) ... you can use it because it'll get better looking if you have some coffee out of it every morning - it's formerly my personal drinking cup - just rinse it cut with hot water and rub off the ring inside with a paper towel. Billy Al has a complicated theory about using works of art as a part of your daily activities which I don't know too much about because I worry about other peoples works too, but I started making those cups to have something dropped congae from the proceedings (and added cigars) and the cups are more mi sculptural but I still use them all the time and you should too if you feel like it because as long as I'm in the cups business you have a guaranteed supply and I'm also a fine repairman. That last batch of cups worked out really well. I brought in a fine harvest (artist/ farmer). Am now going to quit for awhile and make sculptures of sculptures. And so, with the kids all tucked into their quilts with their T.V. and Santa on his way, we're preparing to have some nifty people over for a great feast of steak and chilis and sure wish you were joining us. Haps is wishing you a merry Christmas from my left rear - she's moving around a lot at the moment - right rear? Anyway she's got the right idea.

letter

Date

December 24, 1969

Primary Maker

H. C. (Horace Clifford) Westermann

Medium

Typewritten letter with envelope, decorated with rubber stamps, ink, and colored marker

Description

Christmas letter; glad HCW finally received the cup he sent. Discusses Billy Al [Bengston's] theory about "using works of art as a part of your daily activities..." "Am now going to quit for awhile and make sculptures of sculptures." He is getting ready for another trip to London.

Dimensions

a-b: letter: 10 15/16 \times 8 1/2 in. (27.8 \times 21.6 cm) c: envelope: 4 1/8 \times 9 7/16 in. (10.5 \times 24 cm)