Basic Detail Report

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Mrs. Joanna Beall Westermann P.O. Box 5028 Brookfield, CT 06804

Dear Mrs. Westermann:

I hope all is well with you. It's been several weeks since I last wrote and I thought it might be worthwhile bringing you up to date on the progress of the article at the Smithsonian. The government shuddown put them off the article at the Smithsonian article article since in the editorial offices, but the editor informs me all is underway again one. She's been starting work on my article and is very enthusiastic about it.

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You may also be interested to know that I've also found some very good photos of the North Clark St. neighborhood. I'm giving the editor four or five and Letting fire select the ones she wants to use. O's goed all neters is a photo or Jean photo of the building taken now, but the one I round in the Chicago Historical Society was of special interest. At the top of the building in this photo-directly over the basement door with 25 on it—was a model of a nocket, appearuily fixed on the cornice at some earlier time and still there in 1976 when the photograph was made. Was this something your hashand might have put in place when he was working on the building in the later fifties? With the rocket imagery that was only the property of the propert

Otherwise, I've been busy when I have an extra moment working on a new article on Memorial to the Idea of Man If He Was an Idea. This one focuses on Westermann's figurative work-wath Dennis Adrana called his perconages—in relation to tyet distinct from) the "New Images of Man" show at the MoMA. It's been interesting to try to dig out photos of some of the other early figurative pieces from that time in various sources in an effort to get some sense of what he was doing, but at this point I still have a great deal to do.

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Update on the status of the article. He has found some good photographs of the N. Clark St. neighborhood. One of 25 E. Division St. from 20 years ago shows a model of a rocket fixed on the cornice. Is it possible that HCW put the rocket there in the 1950s? He is beginning a new article on "Memorial to the Idea of Man If He Was an Idea." Copy of permission form Joanna signed with the notation that "World & Electronic (internet) permission not given. J.B.W."

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