

30th August, 1956.

Dear Mr. Pennington,

I have just heard from Richard Gray Inc, the painter, and shall be meeting him around September 7th.

I completely failed to bring a gun back from New York although I saw some splendid ones at Abercrombie's. The gun license problem was too complicated. They will not issue one under three months in the States and I had to come back empty handed.

I have two possible guns, but your own is so splendid that I would dearly love to use it for the purposes of the jacket.

Do you think you could possibly spare it from, say, September 7th to the end of the month? I shall quite understand if this is inconvenient but, if not, do you think you could send it to me here by registered post in time to hand over to the artist? I will, of course, gladly defray all postage and insurance costs and the greatest care will be taken of the gun.

It was very nice to hear your voice the other day and I do hope that next time you come down you will let me know in advance so that we can meet.

Yours sincerely
John Pennington