

October 15, 2001

RE: Liggett metal sculptures,
Mullinville, Kansas

Seymour Rosen
SPACES
1804 N. Van Ness Ave.
Los Angeles, CA 90028

Dear Mr. Rosen:

Here is one of two new tapes about Mr. M. T. Liggett's metal sculptures in Mullinville, Kansas, copied from the original S-VHS made on October 8, 2001. I thought they would arrive in better condition in separate, small packages rather than one large one. You can replace my earlier tape with these, which are more comprehensive and include some detailed close-ups of his construction. As with the earlier copy, you can keep and use them any way you wish. Jim Johnson believes Mr. Liggett may now be doing more of the unpainted, solitary figures (which naturally rust), as seen in the short tape.

You will eventually receive one 44 minute copy of most major pieces and one short 12 minute version, that was edited to remove the edgy political satire. (Was mistaken about a two hour tape; my "two hour" battery quite early, which made me think otherwise) Mr. Liggett is quite conservative, so several sculptures are critical of Bill and Hillary Clinton, Janet Reno for the Waco incident, and other individuals. However, in my opinion, this is not what inspires his most creative work. For a better measure of that, look at the short tape.

He is definitely a man of many parts --from political to whimsical. I included the same, brief interview in both tapes. Note his occasional sculpture references to Shakespeare and Greek mythology. As Jim noted earlier, he is well read. I have written him separately, with a list of sculptures and their location, and asked if he can provide more information about what prompted them. I encouraged him to be forthcoming to help others better understand the reasons for some and, thereby, make them more meaningful. He knows a lot of local political and social history, on which several sculptures are based. That background may be lost when he dies, unless a record is made now. I hasten to add that if I win his confidence and he does volunteer such information, I would only release it to others with his express consent.

Best of luck. Let me know if I can help.



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Enclosed: One VHS tape