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Mr. Rosen, Iovaino, Rosarino;

First, my heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Rosen for his work in finding a home for dads' (John Elm) folk-art!

I have a sense of urgency about this, because of current health problems (old life expectancy). From this viewpoint, I would like to add my sense of priority to the Proceedings.

From this, items ^{are} to be released "first come - first served". When a museum wants something; it should be expedited as quickly as possible. Written "formal" acceptance and shipping arrangements completed right away. Such a person should be contacted - follow-up - until this is concluded.

No items may be let to more than one place anyhow; so waiting for any reason is pointless, and should not be allowed.

Appraisal arrangements, or any other procedures, must be handled concurrently with museums making choices; and not allowed to interfere with shipping.

Creatively sidestep any perceived roadblock to choosing and shipping artworks, improvise a later appraisal or whatever is necessary.

When two museums ask for the same item; the first person to formally accept in writing and give shipping info - gets it. And the other person notified. Both can't have it anyway. . . .

Second, the matter of collector items to be sent to grand-children; must not interfere with museum selection & shipping in any way. I believe a choice and delivery by Rosemarie & Janiane is the only way to do it. Anyone grand-child cannot choose for him/herself for several reasons. Most important, they cannot look at the things or pick them out ^{or from a list.} them; also for several reasons.

They may want to trade among themselves later from their own homes, which would be fine. Two people, or more, selecting the same thing would pose an impossible problem: for only one example. Much ~~longer~~ harm would occur.

Again, I cannot express my extreme satisfaction with all that has been done in my behalf. I trust that the steps on no-one's toes. I ask only a speedy over printer.

Very sincerely,

Clifford B. Elm

CB's condition of statue art must be displayed periodically, not from storage!