

January 10, 1970

Mr. Harry Callahan
153 Benefit Street
Providence
Rhode Island

Dear Harry:

Thank for your letter and sending the print. Unfortunately, the package received brutal handling by the post office and the print was badly cracked. I am sorry indeed to begin a note with such a statement, but believe it best to tell you as soon as possible and return the photograph so that you may see just what happened. If you like a photograph as much as I like this one, it is certainly heartbreaking to have had this happen.

I am still enjoying Ishimoto's book: there is a whole world of wealth in those shadows and I have begun to like especially those pictures which seem to be essentially governed by the work of others, but turn out to be something almost absurdly personal and unique by other means than appearances.

I'll write again soon, but must hurry to get this on its way to you. I wish I could have another talk with you before long.

Sincerely,

August 12, 1970

Mr. Harry Callahan
153 Benefit Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Harry,

I returned from my vacation last week and I am trying to put in order some of the many matters which must be attended to before my retirement September 1st. I trust that you have received your check in payment for the prints that were purchased at the last meeting of the Committee on Prints and Drawings. The other photographs which we did not buy are being returned to you and I trust that they will reach you soon and in good order. You will find among them the print, "Circus, Chicago, 1955" which was sent earlier and damaged in the mail. You will remember that this print was replaced and it is that print which we bought.

Although I am leaving here I do not expect to lose touch with you and I do hope to see you again. As for so many others, your work, teaching, and influence have always been an inspiration for me and so they will continue to be.

Sincerely,

Hugh Edwards
Curator of Photography
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