

September 15, 1966

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

I have recently returned from my trip to Latin America. During my journey I visited the studio of the Paraguayan artist Miguel Burt in Asunción and found to my surprise what I consider a very handsome portrait of yourself.

The picture is a small oil-painting, on canvas, very pure in form and with great dignity.

I thought you might like to have it, so I asked Sr. Burt whether this would be agreeable to him. He was very thrilled at the idea considering that he had painted the picture without ever considering that it might have such a worthy destiny.

In the very unpretentiousness of the author and his work lies the quality of what I believe to be a true work of art.

On the evening of Saturday October 1st through Sunday October 2nd I will be in New York. It would give me great pleasure to present this rather unusual gift to you personally, but in any case knowing how busy you are, I shall also be happy to leave it in your home or wherever you should indicate.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy
1040 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

I was with Chiquita Astor in Buenos Aires and the Radziwills
(Blanca and her husband) and they all remember you with the greatest
simpathy and affection.

I hope to hear from you at your convenience.

Rafael Squirru
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