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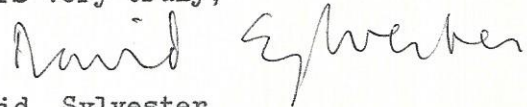
Dear Dr. Briganti,

I do not have to explain to someone such as yourself my reluctance to discuss the authenticity of a painting on the basis of a photograph. However, on seeing the photograph you sent me, I had not a moment's hesitation in agreeing with Madame Magritte that the painting in question is not by René Magritte.

Incidentally, the painting seems to me to have certain stylistic characteristics in common with several other paintings claimed to be by Magritte which are currently in circulation.

With all good wishes and regrets over the opinion I have had to give,

Yours very truly,



David Sylvester

Rome, 14 April 1975

Prof. David Sylvester
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Dear Prof. Sylvester,

Thank you very much for your kind and prompt
answer.

In fact I had my doubts before to receive your
letter, and I am very glad that you confirm my opinion.

Thanking you again, I remain

Very truly Yours

((Giuliano Briganti))