

20 September 1962

Caro Giuliano,

Saluti da New York! We have finally arrived here after a little time in London (in which we never were able to find the restaurant you recommended). We saw many things there, as usual, but we have postponed making several decisions until we see the photograph of the Solimena you mentioned to me on the telephone that last morning of ours in Rome.

I was extremely sorry that we could not see one another, but as you can well imagine, it was a very difficult moment for us, but we actually left Rome on schedule. It would also have been nice to be able to have seen the Solimena too—but again, there was no time. If I remember correctly, you said the picture was Busiri-Vici's own. Is that right or did you say it belonged to a friend of his? Needless to say, I have also forgotten what church the bozzetto is for and even the subject matter of the picture. In spite of all this vagueness and the pooriness of my memory, I am still very interested in the picture. Could you send me the photograph right away? With measurements and a note of how much he wants for it? Our address for the while is as follows:

Butler Hall  
88 Morningside Drive  
New York 27, New York

And, if it's not too much trouble, I would appreciate it if you would send it all air-mail since regular mail takes so very, very long.

We have received a note from Tony and hope to see him on his next trip to New York which, he says, will be some time in October. He is naturally very busy and we're grateful that he has the time even for a short note. We saw Jack Baer in London; he spoke very highly of you and asked to be remembered to you. By this time you will also have heard from Wittkower. He confessed to me his extreme guilt for not having written to you earlier: he was ashamed and annoyed with himself for having lost your address.

Give our best regards to Stefania and to yourself. We are eager to receive the photograph and a note from you and look forward to having them soon. With all best regards again,

Affectionately,

*Michael*