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June 1, 1977

The Vasulkas
257 Franklin Street
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Steina,

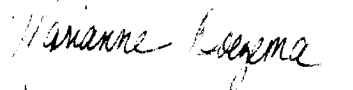
This reply to your letter of March 3 comes very late, and I apologize for the delay. Budget problems continue to jeopardize my plans for a video series here at the Cleveland Museum. Now I believe I have the final word and therefore can formulate a realistic schedule for the upcoming event.

The series has been trimmed to the scale of a "pilot project" to give the administration an opportunity to view and evaluate. The result is, unfortunately, I cannot afford to rent the tape from you at this time. My only hope is that this "pilot project" will be successful and will initiate a long history of such events at this institution.


Again, I regret the situation but look forward to contacting you in the future.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Marianne Doezema

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Dear Steina:


Thank you for your response to my letter and for your willingness to cooperate with me in this project. I believe the selections of your work as you listed them will be a strong contribution to the visual material in my lecture series.

I don't feel free at this moment to make specific arrangements. Hopefully, if no more serious obstacles arise with my budget, I will be contacting you again in the near future. We will be using 3/4" cassette format.

I look forward to seeing the tapes again and especially to seeing Explanation, since it will be a new experience for me.

Sincerely,


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Woody and Steina Vasulka:

In the Fall of 1975, I put together an exhibition of video art in Ann Arbor with Cerberus, a group of video artists who were working in the city. We borrowed a tape directly from you for that exhibit. I thought it was very strong material, and the several comments directed to me by visitors to the show that week clearly indicated that it was enthusiastically received by experienced and well as inexperienced spectators.

There were four segments on the tape: Vocabulary, The Matter, Telc and Space II. I am very interested in borrowing this tape or a similar series of pieces, for a showing at the Cleveland Museum.

My proposal for a series of lectures on video art was only hesitantly accepted recently. This is a very conservative institution, and the director has no intention of promoting video. He has refused to permit an exhibition of video art, but a series of lectures on the history of video and basic image processing techniques sneaked by, presumably because of its educational emphasis. It is a coup of sorts, and I am determined to make this series a reality, despite the fact that my budget barely covers the cost of equipment rental. This brings me back to why I am writing directly to you rather than to Electronic Arts Intermix. I realize that you were very generous to give Jim Locker "4 for the price of 1" last year, and it seems presumptuous of me to ask for the same.

The tape would be shown to an audience only once, during an hour lecture/discussion which will be open to the public free of charge. It will be well publicized as part of the Museum's Summer Arts Festival. We expect at least 200 in attendance.

Please let me know whether you are interested, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marianne Doezema

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Dear Steina:

Thank you for agreeing to send me the tape so soon. I was not sure you understood that I intend to show it during the last week in July; perhaps I conveyed the impression that I needed it this week. In any case, I am very glad to have it in my office in advance so I may preview it and prepare how it will be used in my lecture series.

Again, I am so pleased to be able to represent your work in this series, and hopefully, in future events as well.

Sincerely yours,

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