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Dear Max:

I've made contact with California bronze Caster through old art school of mine, much better deal for fish fountain, other bronzes than Roman Bronze Works, New York offered, although Roman is tops in U.S.

Thought I'd better get you rough idea go go into Jack P's files regarding his overall-study and package.

Advantage of California is problem of transportation of model to New York because of fragility and there is no plaster caster in North West who can cast fish fountain in round in plaster, necessary preliminary to bronze casting.

I could get model down by taking a week of vacation, touch it up there and durable bronze could be returned regular freight, no danger. Trip could be covered by reasonable artist's commission.

Figures are quotes, estimated on photographs and info. submitted for the manufacturing from model.

California estimate for converting 5 foot model into plaster, 300; (300) casting in bronze 1,000, total of 1,300. (New York wanted 900 for carrying up model and casting in plaster and 1,600 for bronze casting and that was 2 years ago.) Under California I would carry up the model to 5 feet (or specified size)

California estimates 1,200 on 6 foot. Had no estimate on 6 foot from New York but old was 4,800 for 8 foot.

California estimate for durable Puck Hyah foot about 150 and 500 for bronze. New York wanted 775 for bronze.

Main point is that unless coast bronze caster was found, problem of conveying to caster was pretty difficult.

Hope the package deal jells and don't forget a nominal artist's commission??? My regards to you, Bob and Jack P. Call on me if I can lend a hand otherwise.

Sincerely

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