

May 8th, 1930

Mr. John Francis Neylan,
Crocker First National Bank Bldg.,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Neylan,-

Mr. Hearst has recently received from Italy two shipments of carved marble lamps. One of these shipments came via the American Express Company, and the other was entered at this port through Mattoon and Company, brokers.

Both of these shipments were manufactured by reputable artists, but the Customs appraisers have assessed a 50 percent duty. American Express Company representatives tell us that it is their opinion that this shipment should be assessed only a 20 percent duty. They, accordingly, paid the additional duty under protest. We also had Mattoon & Company protest the 50 percent duty on the second shipment.

Mr. Hearst has asked us to turn the matter over to you for whatever action you consider advisable. We will be glad to furnish you with whatever information or documents you need.

Very truly yours,

Julia Morgan

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