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Mr. Fred Newcomb 4640 Noble Ave. Sherman Oaks 91403

Dear Mr. Newcomb,

You may quote from my letter, but since it was not written with that in mind I would be glad if you make sure that any excerpt you use does not suggest that I regard myself as authoritative in terms of photo analysis,,

I agree with your remarks about Ramparts. I have been dismayed by its progressive deterioration since 1965-66. It appears that the magazine may be defunct; but if it does manage to resume publication, with Warren Hinckme's degrading influence removed, Ramparts might then be a desirable channel for your work.

You might also try submitting the material, with my recommendation, to Michael Lawrence, Senior Editor, Playboy, Playboy Building, Chicago 60611; or to John Berendt, Associate Editor, Esquire, 488 Madison Ave., NYC 10022. I am not very hopeful about either one but it's worth a try.

If I think of anything else that might be helpful, I'll write again. With all good wishes,

Kind regards,

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