

January 4, 1940

Mr. Hal Ruppenthal
1334 Ohio
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Mr. Ruppenthal:

To avoid any possible misunderstanding I want to repeat that part of our telephone conversation last evening relative to any further use of the picture of my son which you took at the University Vespers. At the time you took the picture you stated it was for newspaper use and you hoped to sell it to the Kansas City Journal.

Use of the picture as a news feature is within the agreement and acceptable, but the picture must not be used for any commercial purposes. Use on any sort of Christmas card, as you mentioned, would certainly be interpreted as commercial use.

You will gather from this that I have very definite views on this. So you will understand, there have been other pictures of my sons upon which the same restrictions have been placed, even to the extent of withholding them from display use by commercial photographers.

It was an excellent picture and I want to congratulate you upon the work. I do not know how widely it was used, but apparently it was serviced to several newspapers by Acme Telephoto.

As I stated last evening, I will be pleased to hear from you if you wish to sell me the negative.

With best wishes for continued success in your photographic work, I am

Sincerely,

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