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SENDER

David Gascoyne

RECIPIENT

Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersen

FACTS

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General comment:
I Politiken d. 18. juni 1936 bringes Vilhelm Bjerke-Petersens indlæg "Falsk Oplysning", hvori Bjerke-Petersen med henvisning til den engelske udstillingskomité dementterer, at Mortensen og Bille skulle være blevet inviteret til at udstille på "International surrealist exhibition" i London. Udklip forefindes i Wilhelm Freddies scrapbøger på Statens Museum for Kunst.

Sender's location:
London

Sender info (seal, address, etc.):
Brevhoved med trykt
skrift: International surrealist exhibition
New Burlington Galleries Burlington
Gardens London W1
Chairman Rupert
Lee : Secretary Diana Brinton Lee
7 St. Quintin Avenue London W10
Telephoner Park 7114

Mentioned people:
Ejler Bille
linien
Richard Mortensen
Herbert Read

Archive:
NKS 2578 folio. Det Kongelige
Bibliotek.

TRANSCRIPTION

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Forgive me for not writing sooner to explain to you about the two Danish artists, Richard Mortensen and Eilen Bille.

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- The exhibition is creating an enormous
sensation and controversy here and, although
it has so far been open to the public for only
two days, has already been attended by some
thousands of visitors. In every way the
exhibition is a great success. - In about a
fortnight's time we shall be sending out
an International surrealist ~~exhibition~~
bulletin containing an account of it.
I will see to it that you receive a copy.

Yours ever,

David Gascoyne.

PAINTINGS SCULPTURES OBJECTS LECTURES FILMS

INTERNATIONAL SURREALIST EXHIBITION
NEW BURLINGTON GALLERIES BURLINGTON GARDENS LONDON W1

CHAIRMAN RUPERT LEE : SECRETARY DIANA BRINTON LEE
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Hugh Sykes Davies Humphrey Jennings French Committee Man Ray Andre Breton Paul Eluard Georges Hugnet