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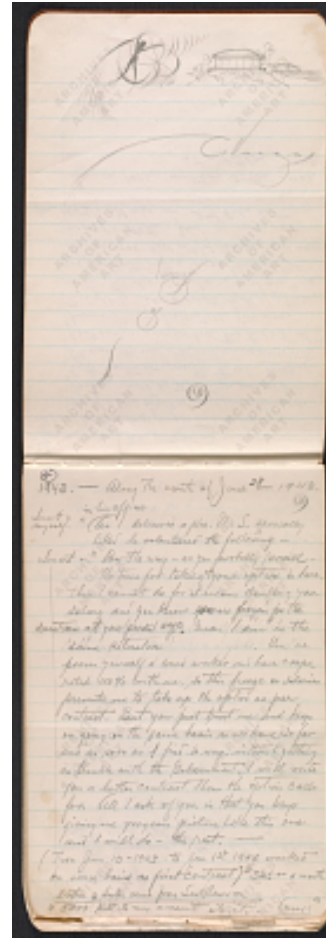
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 1943.-Along the month of June 28-1943.

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 Smart & myself.=in his office (As I delivered a pic. Mr. S. specially liked  
 he volunteered the following-  
 Smart="By the way-as you probably recall. The time for taking up your  
 option is here, this I cannot do for it means doubling your salary and you  
 know you are frozen for the duration at your present wages. Even I am  
 in the same situation. You've proven yourself a hard worker and have  
 cooperated 100% with me. So this freeze on salaries prevents me to  
 take up the option as per contract. But, you just trust me and keep on  
 going on the same basis as we have so far and as soon as I find a way,  
 without getting in trouble with the Government, I will write you a better  
 contract than the option calls for. All I ask of you is that you keep giving  
 me gorgeous pictures like this one and I will do-the rest.--

(From June 10 - 1943 - to Jan. 1st 1944 worked on same basis as first  
 contract) \$325.00 a month Mother & Sister came from South America..  
 [[underlined]]  
 \$5000 put to my account etc. etc. (over)[[drawing - 6 tiny circles  
 arranged in a circle and then all are lightly circled]]



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