

Dear Inge Morath,

Let me express my gratitude for your photographs, and my admiration for your art in general, by quoting the following line from Philip Larkin:

But o, photographs! as no art is,
Fruitful and disappointing! that records
Dull days as dull, and holds it under its hands,
And will not censor themselves, ...

I wish you many more years of this kind of "fruitfulness" -- one which remains true to reality's necessarily "disappointing" appearance while never disappointing in as it explores the world in its search of truth.

Yours

Samuel Beckett