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Thu, 28th May 2020

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Lot 618

Estimate: £700 - £1000 + Fees

Astaire (Fred, 1899-1987). A group of 10 Autograph Letters Signed, 1961-86

Astaire (Fred, 1899-1987). A group of 10 Autograph Letters Signed, 'Fred A.', 'Fred' and one initialled 'F.', Beverly Hills, California, 1961-86, all addressed to his friend, the actor and director Lionel Jeffries, all of a personal nature with some references to work and himself, sometimes with self-deprecating humour, plus his daughter Ava and her husband, sending good wishes to Lionel and his family, mostly dated with day and sometimes month only, a total of 14 pages written mostly in blue ballpoint pens on various personal letterheads, 8vo, all with original envelopes addressed in Astaire's hand and all but two signed 'F. Astaire' or 'Astaire' on rear panel (but many torn from opening), together with two signed Christmas cards, 'Fred A.' (in red felt tip, with signed envelope) and 'Fred Astaire and Ava', the latter lacking tipped-on illustration to front board and rear board with old tape remains, plus a Christmas telegram, 22 December 1970, plus a first edition copy of Astaire's autobiography, 'Steps in Time', (New York: Harper, 1959), signed and inscribed by the author to half-title, 'To Lionel from Fred, 1961', original cloth in dust jacket, soiled and nicked at edges with old sellotape repairs, 8vo

Qty: 14