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November 6th, 1943

Dear Sir:

A little while ago we wrote to the keeper of the Cook Collection who in his answer of October 12th refers us to you should we have a substantial offer to submit.

We therefore consider it necessary to go into more details in order to explain our position.

Some of our very important clients with the resumption of art activities, are interested in securing very valuable paintings of the quality of the ones in the Cook Collection. However, in order to be able to direct them and to obtain an offer from them, we would need to know which paintings are still in the collection as it is our understanding that a large group has already been sold. We were told, for instance, that the whole Flemish and Dutch group has been disposed of.

Would you be kind enough, in view of the above, to have us posted so that we shall be in a position to submit offers to you for some of the remaining paintings. We are interested in all schools and periods, but particularly in the Italian paintings from the 12th to 18th century.

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