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March 30, 1993

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Dr. Ronni Baer Curator of European Art The High Museum of Art 1280 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30309

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We very much hope to see you in Milwaukee, soon.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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March 26, 1993

Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Bader 2961 North Shepard Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bader,

It was such a pleasure and privilege to meet you yesterday. We all enjoyed your talk on <u>The Bible Through Dutch Eyes</u> and learned a lot as well. Please be sure to let me know--as far in advance as possible--when next you're planning a sweep through the southeast; people are already clamoring for another guest appearance!

In the meantime, I will try hard to schedule a trip to Milwaukee to see your treasures. When would be a good time for you?

I looked up the Oostsanen and congratulate you on the purchase. It does indeed look very beautiful.

I look forward with great anticipation to seeing you again soon. Thanks for gracing us with your presence and for your wonderful talk.

Yours,

Ronni Baer Frances B. Bunzl Family Curator of European Art





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September 27, 1990

Ms. Ronni Baer 119 State Street, No. 2 Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Ms. Baer:

Quite a number of times Prof. Haverkamp-Begemann has mentioned your interesting work on Dou.

I do hope that one of these days you might have a chance to visit us in Milwaukee to look at paintings attributed to and by Dou.

Recently, I acquired a painting which I like very much indeed, and which is illustrated in Sumowski V, page 3071. That photograph is rather washed out, and you can't even see the lion in the lower lefthand corner, which makes this painting a St. Jerome, rather than a hermit. You will get a better idea of the general coloring from the enclosed snapshot.

I find Sumowski's suggestion that this might be by the same hand as one of my favorite paintings of the Rembrandt school, a Tobias returning to his blind father, in the collection of Ambassador Middendorf, intriguing Surely you know that beautiful painting. However, how can one be certain: My painting was painted close to 1630 and Middendorf's some 30 years later.

In any case, I would very much like to know whether you think that my painting could actually be by Dou. Please don't mind my saying that I really hope that it isn't, simply because I am not very keen on most paintings by Dou.

Many thanks for your help, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Alfred Bader AB:mmh Enclosure

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