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April 24, 1993

Joseph Nassif 383 26th St. S.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403 (319) 363-3097

Dr. Alfred Bader Alfred Bader Fine Arts Astor Hotel Suite 622 924 East Juneau Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Dr. Bader:

In response to your letter of April 19, 1993 done somtime between 1850 and 1920, you may contact the owner of the painting if you wish. His card is enclosed.

More importantly, I have enclosed a picture of another painting. It is owned by a family whose parents purchased it at a San Francisco auction approximately 50 years ago. When purchased attached to it was a metal plate with the inscription George Butts. It is unsigned. I understand that most of Butts's paintings were signed. Whether it is authentic is the question. The owner is willing to sell the painting. If you are interested, please contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, hugh russif Joseph Nassif



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Mr. Joseph Nassif 383 - 26th Street S.E. Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Dear Mr. Nassif:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of April 24th.

The painting attributed to George Butts is not of interest to me, but might be of interest to a good friend of mine, a dealer in Indiana, Mr. Lee Howard. Hence I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter and the photograph to him.

I may go on a speaking tour to Iowa and Kansas later this year, and if so, I will try to stop by to visit with Mr. Toth in Dubuque. The chances are he will still have that study of an old woman.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

c: Mr. Lee G. Howard 516 Howard Avenue Rockville, IN 47872

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