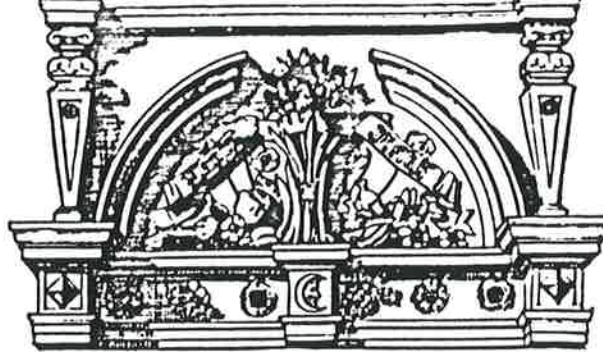


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April 24, 1981

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Dear George,

The van Ostade has been cleaned and revarnished and the six Old Masters pictures have been photographed. I have asked David to send the transparencies directly to you. I would appreciate their return to me when you are finished with them.

The following information has been gathered on those pictures:

1. Ceremonial Rite
2. Virgin and St. Catherine

These pictures are from the estate of Mrs. E. D. Culver, 1617 North Atlantic Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale. They were appraised in the early 70's by Anton Rupert, Jr., 30 East 42nd Street, New York.

3. Pair of van Dycks

Purchased from the Marquese Giuseppe Cattaneo of Genoa in 1923 (W. R. Coe Capital Accounts ledger). The pictures were sent to Jacques Seligmann in Paris for cleaning, restoration, and framing. Robert Coe believes that the woman is Barbara Doria, member of the powerful Doria family, and the man is believed to be her husband Marquese Lomellini. The picture of the woman bears a striking resemblance to a 3/4 length portrait of Barbara Doria with two children in Paris.

4. van Ostade
van Weesop

After speaking to Robert Douglas Coe, Natalie Coe Vitetti, and Michael Douglas Coe, there seems to be little recollection of provenance. Michael Coe feels that Jacques Seligmann was probably instrumental in procuring these pictures.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Lorraine Gilligan

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