KUNSTHAUS LEMPERTZ

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Mrs. Carol F. Tabler Box 358 Locust Valley, N.Y. 11560 U.S.A.

Dear Mrs. Tabler,

Thank you for your kind letter dated April 29, 1975.

Unfortunately we have to inform you that all of the pre-war records of our sales have been destroyed by fire.

Sincerely yours, KUNSTHAUS LEMPERTZ

E. Hecker

Secretary to Dr. Reiner Schütte

April 29, 1975

Mrs. Carol F. Tabler Box 358 Locust Valley New York 11560 U.S.A.

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Dear Sire:

The Heckscher Museum is in the process of preparing a catalogue of its collection and is trying to determine an accurately as possible the provenance of its paintings. We would like to verify a sale pertaining to a very fine painting by Incas Cranch entitled "Virgin, Child, St. John the Emptist and Angels", dated 1534 with the Cransch serpent in the upper left corner, oil on canvas transferred from panel, measuring 48 x 33 in. or 123.19 X 85.09 cm. It was sold at auction (auctioneer J.M. Heberle, H. Lempertz Sohne) Oct. 28-29, 1887 in the Munchhausen sale, but the auction catalogue does not specify the name of the owner (as there were several in that sale). We would also like to know the name of the buyer so that we can pursue the prevenance of the painting. Please reply to the Locust Valley address above. Many, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

(Consultant Curator)