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Mr. Robert Vose
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Dear Bob,

It was a pleasure having lunch with you a few weeks ago, on October 15.

I was pleased to see your Eastman Johnson painting Gathering Sap, oil on paper mounted on board, 13 5/8 x 16 5/8 inches.

The qualities of the painting are unmistakably Johnson's: the luminous brown shadows suggesting the depth of the forest interior; the detailed way the bark on the tree in the foreground has been painted; the poses of the figures; and the pencil lines to indicate the outline of the forms of the figures.

The painting has not been brought to the same degree of finish as many of his other sap gathering paintings; but it still has considerable appeal. When we went over the surface of the painting with a black light, nothing was apparent to our eyes to indicate that the surface had been fussed over by another hand.

Could you please send me a photograph for my files. If I come across any more information after studying the photograph side by side with my other photographs of similar subjects, I will let you know.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hills

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