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Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Ms. Lauren G. Begen  
American Paintings, Drawings & Sculpture  
Sotheby's  
1334 York Avenue  
New York, NY 10021

Dear Ms. Begen:

Re: Eastman Johnson, The Lesson (with Page N.O.P. of the Alphabet Book), 1874. Oil on board, 21 ½ x 19 inches. Signed: L.R. "E. Johnson/1874" I examined this painting at Sotheby's, New York, on April 18, 2006.

I plan to include the work in my catalogue raisonné of the artist's work.

I do not have much to add to my letter of 28 February 2003 about the painting to [REDACTED], a previous owner of the painting, except to say that the restoration of the painting is very successful. Whereas before there was a bloom on the varnish in the upper left of the painting, that it is now gone, and the painting looks great.

Also, I clarified the title.

Sincerely yours,

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(On leave from Boston University)  
Co-Author: Eastman Johnson:  
Painting America, 1999