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Dear Madame Staszewski,

It was a great pleasure to be able to show you
the 'Flight into Egypt' yesterday. Having studied the picture
carefully I would like to confirm that it is my considered
opinion that this is the lost original of the composition by
Nicolas Poussin, known from engravings by Pietro del Po and
others, which was painted for Cesisiers in 1658
(cf. A. Blunt, 'The Paintings of Nicolas Poussin', 1966, No. 61)

I would like also to confirm that I am preparing
an article on this painting which should be published in the
Burlington Magazine during the coming year.

Yours sincerely

Andy Blunt
