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Dear Mr. Imhoff,

I think you will be very sad that I didn't write you in the last weeks. I've to say you many thanks about your letters, ^{holiday} and about your phone-call some days before Christmas. I was ^{Greetings} very happy about this call and I beg you to believe that I did all about your questions in regard of our family connections.

I was reading all the Imhoffs my grandfather had collected in a handwritten book. But I didn't find anything about Caspar Imhoff. However, one point in this book I've mentioned is not clear. But I think this isn't the person you are searching for. This is the brother of my grandfather. The note in the book is the following: "Sigmund, Gustav, Wilhelm, geboren 1840 am 17.11., gestorben 1878, 13.2. zu Boston in USA, Heirat dort". In the past I didn't know anything of this grandoncle, the brother of my grandfather. But he is the only person I've found with the remark (USA) in the family book. Your Caspar is immigrated long before the date of acknowledgement, 1854. I don't believe that these two names are the same person.

Now, to go the right way, I was seeking in the family tree (it is 24 metres long with hundreds of names) for persons in extreme situations. They are all remarked with red ink. But there is no Caspar. Only in the former history, in the 15th and 16th century, there existed two Caspars, good businessmen, in Venice, Nuremberg and Donauwörth (Germany).

You also told me that the name of your great-great-grandfather is Joseph. He was coming to America in 1800 and died 1846. I've investigated this matter, too. But we have only ^{Joseph} Imhoffs in the southern regions of the Danube, and all these Josephs, ~~are~~ living now or died in the last century in Germany, ~~they~~ were Imhoffs from our catholic line.

I'm very sorry that I'm not able to give you a better answer. Because my wife and myself are of the opinion - after your and your wife's visit in Germany last year - that you both would be very good relations if "the moment of truth" would be positive.

Now, the moment of truth is negative. I say you in the name of my wife and of my own that we are very happy to have very good friends in the USA in person of you and your wife. We think that it would be possible to seek furthermore for relationship in all the books of our archives and I'll write you year by year what we've done in this matter. Your letter is documented now in our archives, also the papers of Caspar Imhoff. Just we have engaged a young lady to settle our archives and I asked her for looking to your interests.

You are asking about the health of my wife and of my own. I'll do the same for you both and I'm very happy to hear in the phone call about your good feeling. You are very right if you write that good friends are the half of a man's health. I have to say you that your visite in the Waldheim and our common trip to Rothenburg and so on are a contribution to our accident-re-establishment. Sometimes we still feel that we've had an accident in the last year, but we hope that the last traces will disappear in the next ~~years~~ years. We've many massages and they are good for our health.

Also we've good news from our children in Cologne, in Heidelberg and in Basel. You know that our youngest daughter now works at Basel as a bookseller for antiquities. Our eldest son is just living in Ottawa. His address: HANS-CHRISTOPH VON IMHOFF

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From middle of September until the end of last year he acted as a professor at the university of Mexico City and at other places in Mexico. He reported many interesting things and also the fact that the Canadians have many money for arts but only few arts. The government of Mexico however has no money but too much arts. I would be very happy if you could see him in the next months. He will remain in Canada till 1975, April, and I've written him your address in hope of a good communication between you both.

You told me on your phone-call that you will come to Germany in this year and that you are learning the German language. I would say you should write when you'll come and we are looking forward to see you in our country. We could also come to Hannover ~~oder~~ to Cologne according to your intentions. Then we can talk about "Knoeddl". As a greeting from Nuremburg we'll send you a small packet in the next days. The contents are specialities of Nuremburg. I think you'll know these things but you can't get them in USA.

We send your wife and yourself our best wishes for this year, especially for the next weeks until your trip to Westgermany.

We say good-bye to our good American friends and we'll try to find out that we're relations.

Sincerely Yours

Christoph Imhoff

PS. Another possibility which I find now is the marriage between the first governor general of Great Britain ~~of~~ India, Warren Hastings, and Charlotte v. Imhoff, a born Chapusette, of Nuremberg, in the first marriage. She ^{was in first marriage} ~~was~~ the wife of Christoph Adam Karl von Imhoff, two children were born within the first marriage. The two male children were adopted by Warren Hastings and they became British officers. One of them, Charles Christian August Baronet Imhoff, born 1766, died 1853, married Charlotte Blunt, but we don't know if he had children and where they are. His older brother Ernst (1756 - 1803) was an English Colonel. His personalities are unknown to us. We only know ~~that~~ he died in a battle against the Schiks near Mahalapur (India). We only suppose that he was married, but we don't know anything about his descendants. It may be that some of his descendants migrated to USA but we've no informations about ~~them~~.