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Mr. Peter Held, FCA,  
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Dear Mr. Held,

I was casually browsing through the October CA Magazine, when I came upon your 'biography'. This article was a real tonic, and thoroughly enjoyable reading, especially as there are a few parallels in our experiences, although they did,nt end in the same way.

I was born in Jo'burg, and emigrated to Canada in 1954, voyaging across the Atlantic on an Empress liner; this one made it to Montreal.

After completing my articles with Mockford Allan Jones & Madison, I went over to Leveton Boner & Co. just after W.W. 2 had ended. I have a haunting recollection of inadvertently dropping a heavy cellar door on 'Pip' Stein's head as we <sup>were</sup> emerging from the wine cellar of the Warmbaths Hotel, where we <sup>were</sup> conducting an audit. He seemed none the worse for it. I also sadly recall meeting [redacted] son, who was a gunner in the S.A. Artillery during the El Alemein 24 hour barrage and tragically suffered a severe mental trauma as a result of it. I left them to join the Israeli Army in 1948 in the first of the wars against the Arab nations.

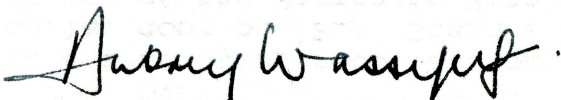
Like yourself, I love Canada, and have retained my Canadian Citizenship. I live in the U.S. because in my advancing years I dislike the cold weather, and my 'green card' enables me to work in the warmer climes of this country during the freezing winter months.

When I first arrived in Toronto, I became a permanent resident of the 'Y' on College Street, and had the unfortunate experience of being declined by Clarkson Gordon & Co because...."we don't employ Jews". This expression is etched in my memory forever. I subsequently worked for Touche Ross, (then Howard Ross) in Toronto and Montreal; they were an extremely nice company.

My cousin Victor Wassyng now lives in Willowdale. (He used to be a partner in Wolpert & Abrams in Jo'burg). One of his sons is CA in Toronto.

It has been a real pleasure 'talking' to you, and I hope you don't consider this too presumptuous on my part.

Yours sincerely,



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