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WASHINGTON, February 24: The famous painting, The Peacemakers, by George P. A. Healy (1813-1894) recently acquired by the White House has been loaned, through the courtesy of President Truman, to the National Gallery of Art for the current exhibition of American Paintings.

The picture shows the meeting of President Lincoln, General Grant, General Sherman and Admiral Porter on board the "River Queen" off Virginia City, Virginia, during Grant's siege of Richmond in 1865. Healy had previously painted individual portraits of the four men, and a letter from General Sherman to the artist describing the conference was used as a basis for the grouping of the figures. The picture was painted about 1868 in Rome.

Photograph will be sent upon request.

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