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PAINTINGS BEQUEATHED TO NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART AND METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART BY MRS. WILLIAM R. TIMKEN MOVED TO WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 16: The Metropolitan Museum and the National Gallery of Art announced today that the paintings bequeathed to the two institutions in October, 1959, by Mrs. William R. Timken, were brought to Washington on March 15th for study by the staff of the National Gallery. Mrs. Timken gave these pictures without indication of how the collection should be divided. Consequently, the Metropolitan Museum and the National Gallery of Art are in the process of agreeing on an equitable division. The paintings have been under study in New York and will now be examined in Washington.

John Walker, Director of the National Gallery of Art, stated: "This somewhat unusual, but very welcome, bequest has presented the Metropolitan Museum and the National Gallery of Art with interesting problems of division. Methods of solving these problems are under study. It is planned to make the division of the paintings early in May."

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