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JOHN R. STEVENSON APPOINTED TRUSTEE OF NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART

WASHINGTON, D. C. September 25, 1975. John R. Stevenson, member of the international law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, has been elected a Trustee of the National Gallery of Art, it was announced today by Paul Mellon, President of the Gallery.

Mr. Stevenson will fill the unexpired term of Stoddard M. Stevens, who is retiring. Mr. Stevens joined the Gallery's Board in 1967.

Mr. Stevenson first joined Sullivan & Cromwell in 1950 and became a member of the firm in 1956. Alternating private practice with a distinguished record of public service, he has been the President's Special Representative for the Law of the Sea Conference and Chief of Delegation, with the rank of Ambassador (July 1973 through May 1975); The Legal Adviser to the Department of State (1969-1972); and since 1969, United States Member to the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

Mr. Stevenson graduated from Princeton University in 1942,

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and from Columbia Law School in 1949, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the Columbia Law Review.

He is also former president of the American Society of International Law. At present he is a trustee of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and a director of The Academy of Political Science and Foreign Policy Association.

Although formally established by Congress as a bureau of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art is an autonomous and separately-administered organization and is governed by its own Board of Trustees. The statutory members of this Board are the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Smithsonian, all ex-officio. The other Trustees are Paul Mellon, John Hay Whitney, Carlisle H. Humelsine, and Dr. Franklin D. Murphy.

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