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December 17, 1980.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister and First Lord of the
Treasury,
10 Downing Street,
London, SW1.

Dear Mrs. Prime Minister,

As you undoubtedly know, I was successful in acquiring one of
Leonardo da Vinci's Codex (notebook).

I was motivated by the fact that the British Museum has another
Leonardo Codex, although somewhat smaller in size, consisting of
270 sheets - while the United States has none.

I thought you would like to know my plans for this notebook. I
intend to restore it to its original folios, have each folio
mounted between two layers of protective plexiglass, and framed
for exhibition purposes.

I expect this will be done either at the laboratory at Windsor
Castle, under the supervision of Mrs. Jane Roberts, Curator of
the Queen's collection of Leonardo works, or in California
under the supervision of the foremost Leonardo scholar, Professor
Carlo Pedretti, who edited and published the Queen's extensive
Leonardo collection.

I propose to offer it for a three-month show at the Royal Academy
next year and thereafter every year until my death. After that
the discretion to loan it will be with the Armand Hammer Foundation,
but I will inform it of my wishes to show the exhibition in the
United Kingdom at mutually convenient intervals.

Sir Hugh Casson has agreed that I should show it at the Royal
Academy at the same time as I am exhibiting my Daumier collection
of oil paintings, original drawings and bronze sculptures and
prints beginning February 4, 1981.

The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
London, SW1.

December 18, 1980.

In the meantime I have been asked by President-Elect Reagan's Inaugural Art Committee (of which I am a member), to show the notebook during the Inaugural festivities. Therefore, it will be a part of the Inaugural. I have arranged to have it shown at a reception on Saturday, January 17, on which day the ceremonies begin. The President-Elect, his cabinet members and all top officials in the new administration will view it.

After I have shown it at the Royal Academy and in Washington D.C. it is my intention to have it exhibited in various countries throughout the world.

I have bequeathed it to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and, upon my death, it will rest there, along with my collection of paintings and my Daumier collection.

With warmest personal regards and wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Armand Hammer

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P.S. I enclose a copy of my letter of today's date to Norman St. John Stevas.

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The Rt. Hon. Norman St. John Stevas,
34 Montpelier Square,
London, SW7.

Dear Mr. St. John Stevas,

After you so kindly called on me on Saturday December 13, prior to my leaving for Budapest, in regard to my plans for the Leonardo Codex, I discussed them with Sir John Foster as I advised you I would do.

Since then I have had a telephone call from the Chairman of President-Elect Regan's Inaugural Art Committee, Mrs. Pascal Reagan, asking if I would show the Codex at a reception on Saturday, January 17, which is the first day of the Inaugural ceremonies.

Please let me know when you would like a press conference, as you suggested at the time of your visit, announcing my intention to loan the Codex for three months to the Royal Academy every year until my death, starting at the time of the opening of my Daumier collection on February 4, 1981.

My general plans are contained in my letter to Mrs. Thatcher, a copy of which I enclose.

I respectfully ask that the export license requested by Christies be expedited, because if I get delivery of the Codex immediately it can be ready in folio form for the Inauguration.

Please be in touch with my representative Tim Halford who is fully authorized to act as my agent. His telephone numbers are: office - 828 5600 or residence - 948-5061.

He has been informed by Christies that the basic procedure is to submit an application and request that you convene a meeting of the Review Committee to approve the offer.

The Rt. Hon. Norman St. John Stevas
December 17, 1980.

I would deeply appreciate your prompt action in this matter in view of the very short time remaining to get the folios framed.

With warmest regards and wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

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cc. The Rt. Hon. Mrs. Margaret Thatcher.