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MEMORANDUM

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN *def.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 5, 1975

MRJ

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: CLEM CONGER *Clem*

RE: Historic Items in the President's Study

Among the items of historic interest which have been recently placed in your study in the West Wing are the following:

Painting- The watercolor painting hanging on the south wall between the windows is entitled "Mrs. Charles Stones." It was painted by the noted American artist Andrew Wyeth and was a gift to the White House in 1972 through former President and Mrs. Nixon.

Secretary desk- The tall American Hepplewhite secretary desk surmounted by a carved eagle and having glass paneled doors was made about 1790-1800. At one time it was located in Independence Hall in Philadelphia and had been used by former President Nixon in his room in the residence. It is on loan to the White House from Mrs. Webster Smith.

Pedestal Desk- This desk is one of four made to order by the Van Swearingen brothers, former owners of the C & O Railway about 1920 for the headquarters of the C & O Terminal Skyscraper in Cleveland, Ohio. It was made by superior craftsmen who modeled it after an English 18th century partner's desk. It is on loan from Mr. Hay Watkins, Chairman of the Board of the Chessie System.