## DANH VO Mother Tongue

### March 20 – April 27, 2013

#### Lobby



1) Mother Tongue, 2013 Ink on paper, written by Phung Vo paper: 25 3/5 x 31 1/2 in. (80 x 65 cm) frame: 27 1/8 x 33 1/3 in. (84.66 x 68.89 cm)

[14308]



2) Lot 65. (Kennedy, John F., Thirty-fifth President), 2013 Metal rods, shaped and welded 25 x 20 in. (63.5 x 50.8 cm) [14309]

**American School, 20th century**. A sculpture of the *Victura*, reproduced from a doodle by John F. Kennedy.

On 21 November 1963, JFK retired to his room at the Rice Hotel in Houston to rest up for a busy schedule ahead in Dallas. On the day of the assassination it has been said that hotel workers cleaning the President's suite found a doodle of a simple little sailboat on hotel stationery near Kennedy's bedstead. The sculpture of the *Victura* was a gift to Robert S. McNamara from Senator Edward M. Kennedy and his then-wife Joan. \*\*

#### **North Gallery**



3) Lot 12. A Vietnamese Carved Ivory Tusk, 2013 Ivory 7 x 26 x 3 in. (17.78 x 66.04 x 7.62 cm) [14310]

Hand carved ivory tusk presented to McNamara by Vice Air Marshall Nguyen-Cao-Ky of Vietnam\*\*



4) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Mahogany, metal 40 1/2 x 26 x 25 3/4 in. (102.87 x 66.04 x 65.41 cm) [14311]



5) Promised Land, 2013 Gold, ink, cardboard Weight 13.2 oz (374.2 g) [14312]



6) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Horsehair, nails 9 1/2 x 45 x 35 in. (24.13 x 114.3 x 88.9 cm) [14313]



7) Lot 89. Adams, Ansel, 2013 Silver gelatin print, framed and matted image: 15 1/2 x 19 1/8 in. (39.37 x 48.57 cm) frame: 24 1/4 x 30 1/4 in. (76.83 x 61.59 cm) [14314]

Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park, California (1944), printed 1978

### **North Viewing Room**



8) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Leather 102 x 29 x 17 in. (259.08 x 73.66 x 43.18 cm) [14315]



9) Lot 11. Vietnam Photo Album, 1962, 2013
54 black-and-white snapshots mounted with typed captions on black construction-type paper and separated by tissue guards decorated with spiders and spider webs, hand-lettered presentation leaf in yellow and white ink. Housed in a hinged black lacquer case, the upper cover decorated with a stand of bamboo and birds perched on a blossoming branch inlaid with mother of pearl.
11 4/5 x 15 1/2 x 2 in. (29.97 x 39.37 x 5.08 cm)
[14316]

**梅**: *mei* = Plum 竹子**:** Zhu = Bamboo

### Contains inscription:

"US. Secretary of State for Defense | Mc.Namara | To visit the Republic of Viet-Nam | (From May 9 to May 11, 1962) | with the compliments | of the Armed Forces of the | Republic of Vietnam".\*\*



10) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Spring twine, nails Dimensions Variable [14317]

### **Hallway Vitrines**



11) Lot 1. Annotated Carbon Copy of McNamara's Letter of Condition of Accepting Position of the Secretary of Defense, 2013
Ink, paper
10 1/2 x 7 1/8 in. (26.67 x 18.1 cm)
[14318]



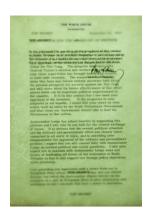
12) Lot 11. Vietnam Photo Album, 1962, 2013 Ink, paper 8 3/4 x 6 1/2 in. (22.23 x 16.51 cm) [14319]



13) Lot 19. Test Ban Treaty Signing Pen, 5 August 1963, 2013 Metal, ink 1 1/4 x 1/4 x 1/16 in. (3.18 x 0.64 x 0.16 cm) [14320]



14) Lot 17. Kennedy, John F., as Thirty-fifth President, 2013 Ink, paper 8 7/8 x 6 3/4 in. (22.54 x 17.15 cm) [14321]



15) Lot 18. Kennedy, John F., Thirty-fifth President, 2013 lnk, paper 10 1/4 x 7 in. (26.04 x 17.78 cm) [14322]



16) 22.11.1963, 2010 White House menu card 6 1/2 x 4 3/4 in. (16.51 x 12.07 cm) [14085]

From the estate of Sanford L. Fox, Chief of Protocol and Head of the Social Office at the White House, 1960-1975.



17) Lot 20. Autograph letter of presentation signed by Jacqueline Kennedy\*, 2013
Paper, ink
7 1/2 x 5 1/4 in. (19.05 x 13.33 cm) (each)
[14324]



18) Lot 39. A Group of 4 Presidential Signing Pens, 2013 Metal, ink  $1 \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{16}$  in.  $(3.17 \times .63 \times .15 \text{ cm})$  (each) [14325]

In his memoirs, McNamara observed that in a memorandum dated 2 March 1964, the Joint Chiefs of Staff "reaffirmed their view of 'the overriding importance to the security interests of the United States of preventing the loss of South Vietnam." To achieve this objective they urged the destruction of military and industrial targets in North Vietnam, mining its harbors, and establishing a naval blockade (In Retrospect, p. 111). To this end, President Johnson signed a bill on 20 March 1964 authorizing appropriations for defense procurement and for research and development. In a public statement released that day, Johnson declared "The bill ... is the largest separate fund authorization ever enacted by Congress. It provides almost \$17 billion for the activities of the Defense Department. This bill authorizes over 2,700 aircraft, 35,000 missiles, 53 new ships, and 7 ship conversions." \*\*



19) Lot 40. Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, 2013 Metal, ink [14326]

On 2 August 1964 the USS *Maddox*, while on an electronic intelligence collection mission, was attacked by three North Vietnamese torpedo boats. Two days later, according to McNamara's report, "North Vietnamese boats again attacked our destroyers [the *Maddox* and *Turner Joy*] ... On August 5, U.S. planes retaliated in a limited fashion against naval bases where were the home ports of boats and the oil storage area at Vinh which supported them ... The U.S. retaliation did not extend beyond August 5." A later investigation by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee learned that the U.S. Naval Communication Center in the Philippine Islands, in reviewing ships' messages, questioned whether a second attack had actually occurred.

The balance of the memo recounts numerous acts of terrorism perpetrated by the Viet Cong against South Vietnamese citizens and U.S. personnel. After lengthy debate, Congress voted on 10 August 1964 on a joint resolution which authorized the president "to take all necessary steps, including the use of armed force, to assist any member or protocol state of the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty requesting assistance in defense of its freedom." The resolution is of historical significance because it authorized the president, without a formal declaration of war by Congress, for the use of conventional military force in Southeast Asia. While McNamara's memo represents the president's willingness to negotiate a peace with the North Vietnamese, the administration relied upon the resolution to begin its rapid escalation of U.S. military involvement in South Vietnam and open warfare in North Vietnam. \*\*



20) Lot 55. Onassis, Jacqueline Kennedy, 2013 Paper, ink 7 1/2 x 5 1/2 in. (19.05 x 13.97 cm) [14327]

Jacqueline Kennedy had long dreamed of visiting Angkor Wat and after much hesitation, she made the journey in the autumn of 1967. As she often did, Mrs. Kennedy turned to McNamara to help to smooth the way and keep the trip as private as possible. Despite her desire for a private visit, Mrs. Kennedy's trip to Cambodia was widely covered by the press, including a cover story in *Life* magazine. She did appear at one public event as well: the dedication of Avenue John F. Kennedy in Sihanoukville. \*\*



21) Lot 100. Six Small Middle Eastern Antiquities, 2013 Bronze 8 x 1 3/4 x 1/8 in. (20.32 x 4.45 x 0.32 cm) [14328]

A gift of archaeological finds to McNamara from Moshe Dayan, February 1968. \*\*



22) Lot 97. Baule Mask, Ivory Coast, 2013 Wood 11 1/4 x 6 1/4 x 6 in. (28.58 x 15.88 x 15.24 cm) [14329]

Collected in Africa during McNamara's tenure as President of the World Bank. \*\*

### **South Gallery**



23) David Wojnarowicz

Untitled (Buffalos), 1988-89

Silver gelatin print
Image: 16 x 23 in. (40.64 x 58.42 cm)

Frame: 24 x 30 in. (60.96 x 76.2 cm)

[14330]

Memorial Edition 10/12, July 1992



24) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013
Cotton, nails
13 1/2 x 33 1/4 x 20 1/2 in. (34.29 x 84.46 x 52.07 cm)
[14332]



25) Fabulous Muscles / Take my Breath Away, 2013 Gold, cardboard, ink Weight 132 oz. (3742.1 g) [14331]



26) Gustav's Wing, 2013
Papier Maché
Front torso: 13 1/2 x 17 1/2 x 8 in. (34.29 x 44.45 x 20.32 cm)
Back torso: 6 3/4 x 18 1/2 x 22 in. (17.14 x 46.99 x 55.88 cm)
Wing: 5 x 10 1/2 x 5 in. (12.7 x 26.67 x 12.7 cm)
[14333]



27) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Bronze 1 5/8 x 3 1/2 x 1/8 in. (4.13 x 8.89 x 0.32 cm) [14337]



28) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Mahogany, metal 40 1/2 x 26 x 25 3/4 in. (102.87 x 66.04 x 65.41 cm) [14334]



29) Diary of Patrick Breen 1846-47, 2011 Ink, paper, written by Phung Vo 18 pages, each 8 1/4 x 11 in. (21 x 29.7 cm) [14344]



30) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Muslin, nails 84 1/2 x 16 x 5 3/4 in. (214.63 x 40.64 x 14.61 cm) [14335]



31) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013
Mahogany
14 1/2 x 18 1/2 x 7 in. (36.83 x 46.99 x 17.78 cm)
[14336]

#### **Third Floor**



32) Lot 20. Two Kennedy Administration Cabinet Room Chairs\*, 2013 Burlap 90 x 20 x 18 in. (228.6 x 50.8 x 45.72 cm) [14338]



33) Pantoffel, 2013 Gold, paper, written by Phung Vo 68 3/4 x 57 3/4 in. (174.63 x 146.69 cm) [14339]



34) *Untitled,* 2013 Gold, cardboard, steel, wooden trunk 107 1/2 x 89 1/2 x 12 in. (273.05 x 227.33 x 30.48 cm) [14340]

\*2 Chippendale-style black leather upholstered mahogany open armchairs, silvered nail head trim, one with the label of the W. H. Gunlocke Chair Co., Wayland, New York, 40 1/2 in. high, each with a brass plaque affixed to the back. - Together with an autograph letter signed by Mrs. Kennedy ("Jackie"), 2 pages on a leaf of White House stationery (7 1/2 x 5 1/4 in.; 190 x 130 mm), [Washington,] 30 November 1963, to Robert S. McNamara ("Dear Bob"), accompanied by the original autograph envelope directed to "The Secretary of Defense" and docketed by McNamara "chair."

<sup>\*\*</sup>The White House Years of Robert S. McNamara: Sotheby's, 2012.