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THE POTOMACK COMPANY TO AUCTION ITEMS FROM THE KLUGE ESTATE – ALBEMARLE HOUSE

Latest Chapter for Renowned Manor House Coming to Washington, DC

*Designer Drapes, Antique Shooting Guns and African Art Collection to be Sold at
June 11 Auction*

Alexandria, VA, June 1, 2011 – In April, Donald Trump purchased Patricia Kluge's Charlottesville-area winery in foreclosure and he's angling to buy her mansion too, but he didn't get the drapes. The former would-be presidential candidate may be among the bidders, though, when The Potomack Company

(www.potomackcompany.com), one of the Washington area's leading auction houses, offers an extensive and bespoke collection of window coverings: From the grand drawing room treatments all the way down to the guest room shower draperies from Kluge's opulent Albemarle House in the company's upcoming Catalogue Sale on June 11.

Dozens of highly styled and ornamental drapes that were custom designed and fabricated for the lavish Georgian-inspired country manor will be



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sold by The Potomack Company. While the majority of fine and decorative arts from the contents of Albemarle House were sold at auction in June 2010, featured items not included in that sale are now being offered through The Potomack Company's June 11 auction.

"These window coverings are truly works of art in their own right, and we know interior designers and others who appreciate beautiful items of home décor will be anxious to add these special pieces to their collection," said Potomack Company Founder Elizabeth Wainstein.

Couture draper Donna Wheeler of Springfield, VA, describes the window treatments – some as high as 11 1/2-feet tall - as "an extraordinary backdrop to the collections of Patricia Kluge. The curtains feature elegant fabrics and magnificent trims, and the hand stitching by highly skilled artisans reflects the masterful techniques that epitomize the elegance and grace of a time long ago."

Other Albemarle House contents being offered in The Potomack Company's June Catalogue Sale include a matched set of four Armas Garbi 20-bore sidelock ejector guns with royal engraving in silver reputedly presented to Patricia Kluge by the King of Spain as well as an extensive collection of African tribal art including masks and figures and an assemblage of white painted fiberglass statuary depicting classical mythological and ancient figures, all with generous lifesize proportions.

In a separate release, The Potomack Company announced today that its June sale will also bring to auction a letter written by George Washington in 1777 concerning confidential military maneuvers during the Revolutionary War just prior to the Battle of Valley Forge in addition to several signed American paintings of interest.

Another significant item related to the nation's first president being offered by The Potomack Company by private treaty sale this month is an *Athenaeum* portrait by Gilbert Stuart (1755-1828). The Stuart portrait, purchased in 2001 by Washington, D.C. philanthropist Betty Casey as a key part of the collection she envisioned for the once-proposed D.C. mayor's mansion, was displayed at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia from 2004 to 2006.

For a complete listing of all items being offered please refer to The Potomack Company's catalogue at www.potomackcompany.com. The Potomack Company auction gallery is located at 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia.

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About The Potomack Company

The Potomack Company is a leading Washington, D.C. area auction house, specializing in fine art and antiques. Founded in 2006, The Potomack Company has handled some of the most significant and interesting pieces to come to auction in the Washington, D.C. area, including the historic marble Arlington Cemetery Urns, Dorothy Draper's furnishings for the Greenbrier Resort and the Salahi White House Sari. In October 2010, the company received global attention and achieved record prices for Asian works of art. Founder Elizabeth Wainstein, formerly of Christie's, has assembled a robust roster of experts in fine art, Asian works of art, furniture, jewelry and applied arts, among other areas of expertise. For additional information about the June 11 auction or to consign, please call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

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