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Purchase of Stuart Portraits

In recognition of unique opportunity to purchase the Stuart portraits of George and Martha Washington from the Athenaeum, the Executive Committee approved the following motion:

VOTED that the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents authorizes the Secretary to pledge \$1 million of currently available unrestricted trust funds toward the purchase of the portraits of George and Martha Washington by Gilbert Stuart.

Agreeing with the Executive Committee's resolution, the Regents stated that conditions of the sale are expected to pose no unworkable requirements on the Institution.

Opening Meetings of Board of Regents to Public

Discussion concerning public open meetings of the Board of Regents, as suggested by the press and members of Congress, disclosed differing points of view of Regents. Consensus of meeting was to continue present policy for now and to give detailed consideration to this matter at next meeting of Regents in January 1979.

Smithsonian Experience Books

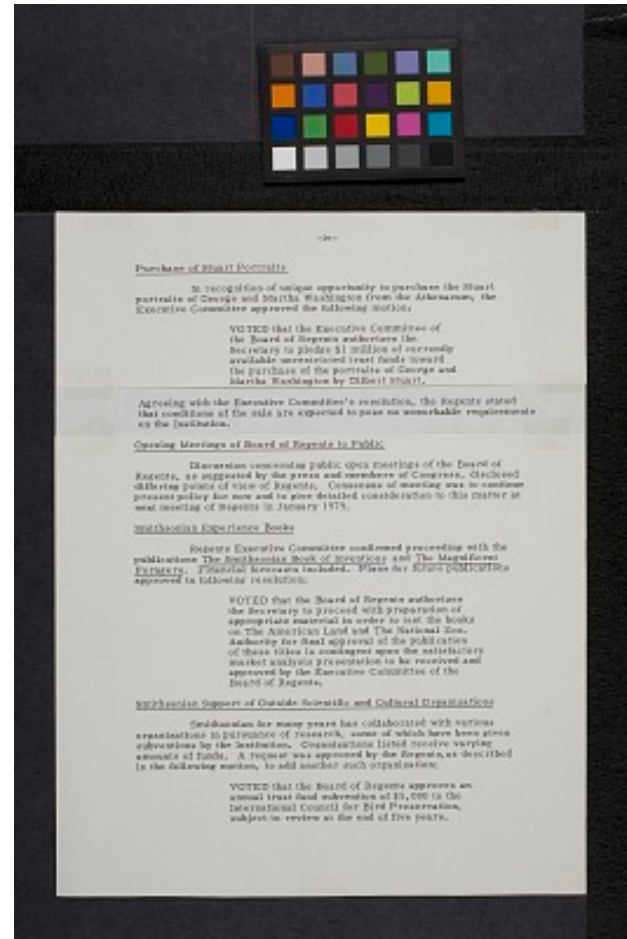
Regents Executive Committee confirmed proceeding with the publications The Smithsonian Book of Inventions and The Magnificent Foragers. Financial forecasts included. Plans for future publications approved in following resolution.

VOTED that the Board of Regents authorizes the Secretary to proceed with preparation of appropriate material in order to test the books on The American Land and The National Zoo. Authority for final approval of the publication of these titles is contingent upon the satisfactory market analysis presentation to be received and approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents.

Smithsonian Support of Outside Scientific and Cultural Organizations

Smithsonian for many years has collaborated with various organizations in pursuance of research, some of which have been given subventions by the Institution. Organizations listed receive varying amounts of funds. A request was approved by the Regents, as described in the following motion, to add another such organization:

VOTED that the Board of Regents approved an annual trust fund subvention of \$5,000 to the International Council for Bird Preservation, subject to review at the end of five years.



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