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Sale no: 2227 – Top Ten

[All sold prices include buyer's premium]

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| <b>Sold:</b>                          | <b>\$6,387,938</b> | <b>£3,848,155</b> | <b>€4,230,422</b> |
| Lots Sold: 210                        | Lots Offered: 257  | Sold by Lot: 82%  | Sold by \$: 87%   |
| Exchange Rate: £ = \$1.66/ € = \$1.51 |                    |                   |                   |

| Lot | Description                                                                                                                                                            | Estimate (\$)       | Purchase Price                                               | Buyer          |
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| 257 | George Washington. Autographed letter signed to Bushrod Washington, 9 November 1787.<br><b>WORLD AUCTION RECORD FOR A GEORGE WASHINGTON LETTER AND DOCUMENT</b>        | 1,500,000-2,500,000 | <b>\$3,218,500</b><br><b>£1,938,855</b><br><b>€2,131,457</b> | Anonymous      |
| 84  | Cormac McCarthy Olivetti manual typewriter on which he typed all his work from 1958 to 2009. Purchased in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1958.                                | 15,000-20,000       | <b>\$254,500</b><br><b>£153,313</b><br><b>€168,543</b>       | US Private     |
| 255 | George Washington. Autographed letter signed to Bushrod Washington, 30 September 1786.                                                                                 | 200,000-300,000     | <b>\$218,500</b><br><b>£131,627</b><br><b>€144,702</b>       | Anonymous      |
| 256 | George Washington. Autographed letter signed to Bushrod Washington, 15 November 1786.                                                                                  | 200,000-300,000     | <b>\$218,500</b><br><b>£131,627</b><br><b>€144,702</b>       | Anonymous      |
| 164 | John James Audubon. <i>The Bird of America, from Original Drawings by John James Audubon</i> . 2 <sup>nd</sup> portfolio edition. New York: Roe Lockwood & Son, 1860.  | 150,000-200,000     | <b>\$194,500</b><br><b>£117,169</b><br><b>€128,808</b>       | US Trade       |
| 174 | Edward Sheriff Curtis. <i>The North American Indian. Field research conducted under JP Morgan</i> . 1907-1930                                                          | 100,000-150,000     | <b>\$170,500</b><br><b>£102,711</b><br><b>€112,914</b>       | US Trade       |
| 175 | Charles Darwin. <i>On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection</i> . London: W. Clowes and Sons for John Murray, 1859.                                      | 100,000-150,000     | <b>\$170,500</b><br><b>£102,711</b><br><b>€112,914</b>       | US Private     |
| 227 | Alexander Hamilton. <i>Bank of New York. Broadside bank conditions</i> . New York, ca. March 1784.                                                                     | 15,000-20,000       | <b>\$146,500</b><br><b>£88,253</b><br><b>€97,020</b>         | US Private     |
| 180 | Joannes Janssonius. <i>Atlas Novus</i> , 5 volumes. Amsterdam, ca. 1656 or later.                                                                                      | 80,000-120,000      | <b>\$86,500</b><br><b>£52,108</b><br><b>€57,285</b>          | European Trade |
| 163 | John James Audubon. <i>The Birds of America, from Drawings Made in the US and their Territories</i> . New York: J.J. Audubon; Philadelphia: J.B. Chevalier, 1840-1844. | 40,000-60,000       | <b>\$62,500</b><br><b>£37,651</b><br><b>€41,391</b>          | US Private     |

**Tom Lecky, Head of Books and Manuscripts of New York** comments: "We are thrilled with the runaway success of McCarthy's typewriter which sold for \$254,500 before a crowded saleroom at Christie's today. The level of media interest in this unique item illustrates the enduring appeal of McCarthy's novels and his importance to modern culture. We are pleased to report that Mr. McCarthy will donate the proceeds to the Sante Fe Institute where he has invited the successful buyer to join him at a celebratory lunch." **Chris Coover, Senior Specialist of Books and Manuscripts** added: "Today's superb price is a testimony to the continuing relevance of George Washington, whose enduring wisdom and eloquence offer many valuable insights and inspiration 220 years after this remarkable letter was penned. As he put it: "The power under the Constitution will always be in the people."

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| Date and Location of Next Sale | New York, December 9, 2009                      |