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On the works of art transfer to the Moscow Kremlin State Museums

KGB reports, that as a result of conducted in 1981 measures to combat smuggling and violations of rules on foreign currency transactions among a number of smugglers, foreigners and their criminal connections among Soviet citizens, it seized, in the lawful manner, a large number of antiques and works of art, presenting, according to experts, historical and artistic value.

With this in mind, antique ornament: icons, crosses, other items, works of 17-19 centuries art (201 items total), as well as 30 copies of books published in Russia in 1883-1916, were transferred to the Directorate of the Moscow Kremlin State Museums.

According to the director of the Moscow Kremlin State Museums, Mr. Tsukanov M.P., works of art transferred by the KGB are "a major contribution to the museum collections, and in the future will serve the noble cause of study and promotion of Russian and foreign art."

The above is reported for information.

Chairman of the Committee [signed] Yu.Andropov

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