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Rene d'Harnoncourt, Director of the Museum of Modern Art, arrived at Idlewild Airport today (December 24, flight # 400, due ^{1:30}~~2:00~~ p.m., National Airlines) carrying ancient gold from Peru, valued at \$130,000, including a gold crown, gold earrings and gold sculpture. They will be shown for the first time in this country in an exhibition, Ancient Art of the Andes, which opens at the Museum on January 27.

Mr. d'Harnoncourt was met by an armed guard and escorted to the Museum, 11 West 53 Street, where the precious objects were placed in the Museum vaults. The gold and turquoise jewelry and sculpture has been lent to the Museum by Don Rafael Larco Hoyle, an author and archeologist who has one of the largest collections of ancient art in the world in a Museum in Trujillo, Peru.

Among the gold pieces which Mr. d'Harnoncourt is bringing in addition to a large gold crown, are earrings inlaid with turquoise and decorated with animal figures, a gold head of a feline also inlaid with turquoise a gold sculpture of a human figure, a gold head ornament with stylized plumes and a sculptured human figure in the center.

Mr. d'Harnoncourt left this country on November 30 to complete final arrangements for borrowing gold objects, ceramics, tapestries and other pre-Columbian art for the exhibition which he is installing at the Museum. After "Ancient Arts of the Andes" is shown in New York it will also be seen in Minneapolis and on the West Coast.

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